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## where to siesta and chillax – Eric Vokel BCN Suites

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I researched the oink out of hotels in Barcelona. I wanted to stay somewhere off the tourist-beaten paths and within walking distance to neighborhoods I planned to wander.



I wanted a nice place but I didn't want to spend more than \$200/night...unless it was so fabulous that somehow it

was worth it. And then I'd probably be a lotto winner. I already feel like I won the lottery. I've wanted to visit this city, Barcelona, since I was a kid. And I haven't been a kid for many moons.

I dreamed of having desayuno (that's breakfast in español...yo) at a local neighborhood cafe, sipping perfect [cortados](#) and eating flakey, buttery cruasans (croissants).



I seriously wanted a balcony or, in dreamy optimistic moments, a terrace. Or at least a rocking view. And free Wi-Fi internet connection because Wi-Fi should be free. Unfetter the Wi-Fi, world.



The idea of having a little kitchen to make snacks in and a living area to chill in during siesta hours appealed in that what's-it-like-to-live-here way. Laundry would be a big bonus because we wouldn't have to bring so many socks and such. I like to travel light because I like to enjoy getting there. You know?

Also I'm an outfit repeater. If I like an ensemble I'm gonna wearing the samhell out of it. More on that another time along with my amazing how-to-pack-light method which involves lists and charts.

We ended up with all of those details and more at [Eric Vökel BCN Suites](#). Steady yourself. for my unsolicited review. We scored a sleek kitchenette stocked with pots, pans, utensils, glasses, plates and such. Plus there was a dishwasher and basic cleaning supplies.



Laundry! Kinda noisy and sorta slow combo washer/dryer that did a good job. Laundry!



Dining, living, chillaxing area with television and a cool airplane mural on one wall. Free Wi-Fi. Unfettered.



Front terrace. Boom.



Charming view. Boom shakalaka.





And these bricks that I got kinda obsessed with.



I'm still swooning over the pattern they created and peekaboo city views framed in their cut-out circles. I love that these geometric brick beauties made a cool privacy wall on the back terrace.



You can glimpse the mosaic headboard in the simple but ample bedroom through the sliding door. By the way...that's outdoor space number two: the lounging terrace. And it has four lounge chairs for your best siesta impressions. Boom. Cymbal crash. Jazz hands. And a flirty breeze up your floaty stripey, savvy-traveler dress.



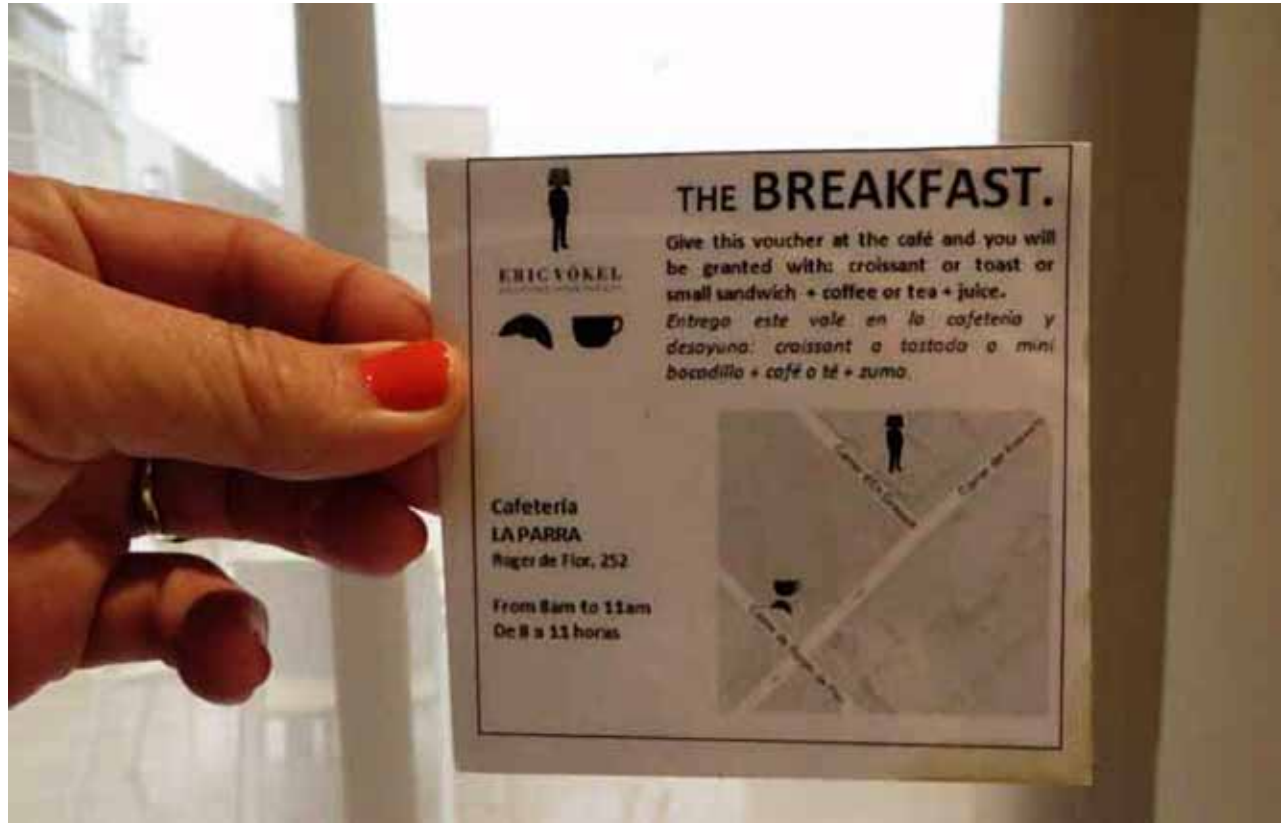
I loved this penthouse one bedroom suite at Eric Vökel BCN Suites. It's on a quiet side street. The neighborhood has pretty little places to eat, convenient markets, local restaurants and Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia. It's walking distance to the Eixample, Gràcia and Las Ramblas neighborhoods.

Here are the only things I would change: fluffy towels would be nice. The ones they have are fine but they definitely ain't fluffy. Comfier bed would rock. The bed was okay. Great headboard. But I was amped when I reentered the dreamworld atop a pillow-topped mattress on my stop through London.

Eric Vökel BCN Suites has a clean, modern decor and sweet city views, laundry (!) and two terraces. Two terraces.

Do I need to do more jazz hands to convince you? Because I will.

Oh...and desayuno was covered by these vouchers because of a deal the hotel was offering when I booked. I adored this cafe, La Parra. And it was right around the corner from the hotel.



I want to be sitting at La Parra savoring a cortado or sipping a glass of house-made wine now. Beam me up, Barcelona!



Cleaning service, once every 5 days, is included at the BCN Suites and you can schedule additional cleaning days if desired. I liked that aspect of this hotel because it's less wasteful. And I don't mind making my own bed.

Friendly, helpful clerks man the lobby during daytime hours at Eric Vökel BCN Suites so we also had some hotel-esque help if we needed it. They even stopped us one morning to greet us and let us know they were happy to offer directions or make reservations for us. Very cool.



Oink, Eric Vökel. I dig what you do.

\*Photos in this post link to the locations where I shot them and to the store where I got my savvy traveler dress.

Click on them. Have a cyber-travel moment. Here are the main links one more time in word form:

[Eric Vökel BCN Suites](#)

[Anthropologie](#) (for the savvy traveler dress by Puella)

La Parra, my cortado cafe, doesn't have a website so here's a map link: [Roger de Flor, 252 Barcelona Spain](#)



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