

GAUDI'S BIOGRAPHY

Antoni Gaudí was born in the province of Tarragona in southern Catalonia on 25 June 1852. He was baptized in Reus a day after his birth. The artist's parents, Francesc Gaudí Serra and Antònia Cornet Bertran, both came from families of coppersmiths.

When he was young, Antoni Gaudí suffered from rheumatic fevers that were common at the time. He therefore spent a lot of time alone and he often went to look nature. This inspired him to use natural shapes and themes in his later work

Gaudí was an architecture student at the Escola Tècnica Superior d'Arquitectura in Barcelona from 1873 to 1877, but he was not particularly outstanding. However, he was excellent at drawing and projects and he became an architect in 1878. Most of his work was planning and designing buildings, many of them in Barcelona.

Gaudí's main work

Work	Chronology	Place
Cooperativa Obrera Mataronense	1878-1882	Mataró
El Capricho	1883-1885	Comillas
Casa Vicens	1883-1888	Barcelona
Templo Expiatorio de la Sagrada Familia	1883-1926	Barcelona
Pabellones Güell	1884-1887	Barcelona
Palacio Güell	1886-1890	Barcelona
Colegio de las Teresianas	1888-1889	Barcelona
Palacio Episcopal de Astorga	1889-1915	Astorga
Casa Botines	1891-1894	León
Bodegas Güell	1895-1897	Sitges
Casa Calvet	1898-1900	Barcelona
Torre Bellesguard	1900-1909	Barcelona
Parque Güell	1900-1914	Barcelona
Casa Batlló	1904-1906	Barcelona
Jardines de Can Artigas	1905-1906	La Pobla de Lillet
Casa Milà	1906-1910	Barcelona
Cripta de la Colonia Güell	1908-1915	Colonia Güell (Sta Coloma de Cervelló)

On 7 June 1926 Gaudí was run over by a tram. He looked untidy and poor so nobody recognized him when he went to hospital. His friends came the next day and tried to move him into a nicer hospital, Gaudí refused, reportedly saying "I belong here among the poor." He died three days later on 10 June 1926, at age 73, half of Barcelona mourning his death. He was buried in the middle of *La Sagrada Família*.