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Luxury flats in Casa Bures, in the Eixample district, start at €1.07 million for a one-bedroom flat (Lucas Fox)

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### Why now is the time to buy in Barcelona

This city is close to the beach and its historic homes are cheaper than London or Paris

The London-based financial services entrepreneur Ivan Massow is in the business of buying, renovating and selling property in Barcelona. His latest home — an elegant two-bedroom, two-bathroom property in the Eixample district, the tourist and commercial heart of the city — is for sale for €1.273 million through the Lucas Fox estate agency.

*“I bought in Barcelona because it’s a wonderful city that is cheap and quick to get to from London,” says Massow. “There are lots of small-development opportunities. London, in contrast, is overpriced, with impossible planning rules. Barcelona feels like a large city, but you can still walk everywhere.”*