

Railway Museum of Catalonia in Vilanova i la Geltrú

A journey through the world of trains

10 stations along the route



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Welcome to the Railway Museum of Catalonia

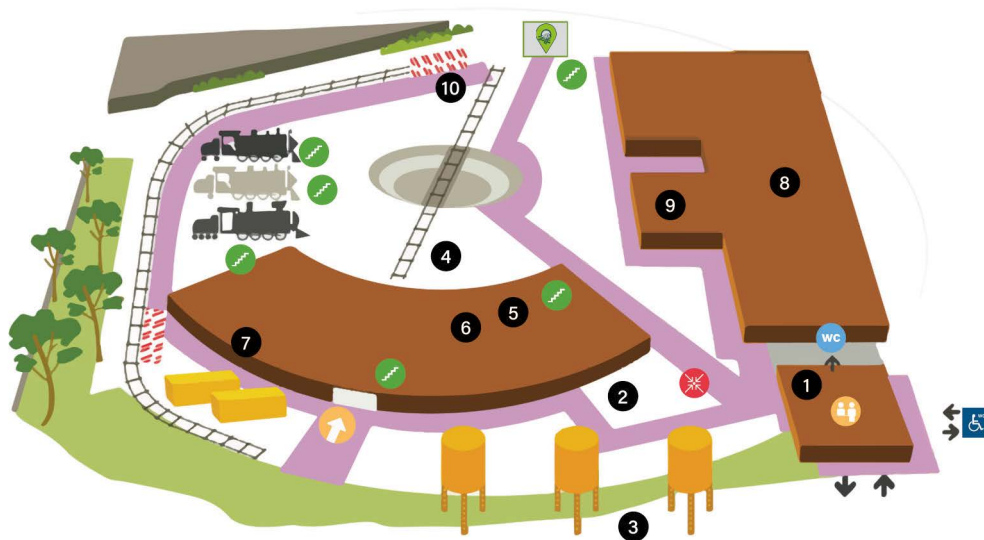
The museum is located at the site of the former steam locomotive depot in Vilanova i la Geltrú.









The depot was built at the end of the 19th century and operated until 1967. In 1990, it became a heritage site, where very valuable historical elements related to the evolution of the railway were stored. It is currently being renovated.

Notable features include the various industrial buildings in Modernist style, the collection of steam locomotives, and the Talgo vehicles.

For this reason, it is considered the most important technical complex in Catalonia and one of the most significant in Europe.

The museum offers a journey through the world of train in a dynamic space that provides different activities and services to all audiences.



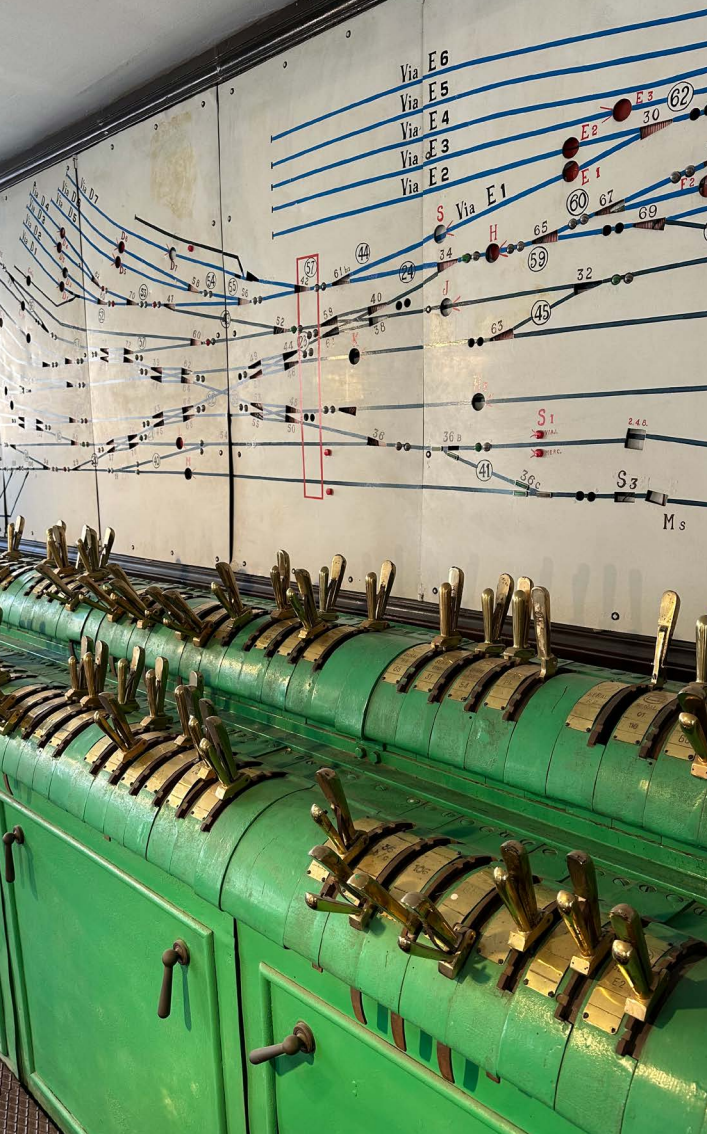
-  Toilet
-  Reception and shop
-  The locomotive *Teresita* Meeting point
-  Vehicles open to visitors
-  Access from the Roundhouse
-  Accessible path
-  Accessible toilet
-  Railway Educational Space

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**Pet-friendly
Area:**
**You can bring
your dog!**





Track lever control panel from Estació de França station

The lobby of the museum houses a control panel with lots of levers.

It was built by the American company Thomson-Houston in 1924

and operated with electromagnetic technology, a highly innovative technology at the time that greatly improved traffic flow and safety.

The panel was used to control the train traffic at Barcelona's Estació de França.

In 1989, with the start of the Olympic Games construction works, it was moved to Vilanova.



Vall de Núria Park and Picnic Area

Between the Roundhouse and the water tanks, stands the Vall de Núria park, as well as a picnic and rest area. The park is a space in which to play. It was a gift from the Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya on the anniversary of the Vall de Núria Rack Railway.



Tren-i-tu and water tanks

In this area, you will see two old water tanks that were used to fill the locomotives with water.

There is also Area Tren-i-tu, a building with another tank on the roof.

It was used to eliminate salts from the water.

In this area, younger visitors can listen to stories about the railway.



Roundhouse, turntable and vehicle collection

The semicircular building of the Roundhouse is built in a modernista style.

Twelve tracks depart from here, leading to the turntable.

This turntable allows the locomotives inside to move.

There are 25 of them! It is one of the most important collections of steam locomotives in Europe.



Harlan American railroad car and wooden Bogies

In 1881, Francesc Gumà bought this modern vehicle in the United States.

Gumà was the person who brought the railway to the city.

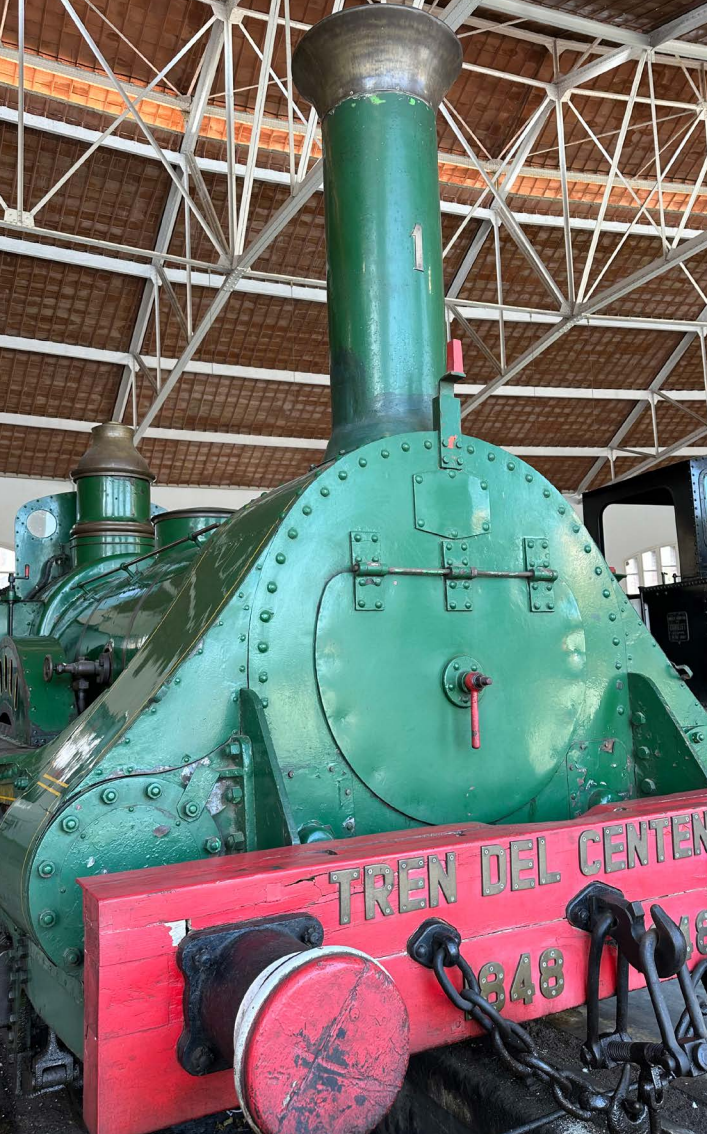
It was a real luxury at that time.

The Harlan trains were the first to arrive in Europe from the United States. Among other innovations, they included bogies in passenger trains to improve circulation on the railway tracks.



Freight Area

In this area, you will find three vehicles representing freight railway traffic: the J wagon, where you can watch a video about the importance of this type of rail transport, the open XX wagon, and a TT3 hopper. There is also a 40-metre track, with a buffer from the MZA company, a rotating sign, and a small container terminal.



Centenary Train

This train consists of the *Mataró* locomotive and three passenger cars in first, second, and third class.

It is one of the most important vehicles in the museum's collection.

The Centenary Train is an exact replica of the first train to operate in Spain, between Barcelona and Mataró.

It was built by Maquinista Terrestre y Marítima in 1948 to celebrate its centenary.



A journey on the Time Train

In the old warehouses from 1881,
you can enjoy a journey
from the past to the future of the railway.
You can take the route
that highlights the importance of trains
in transporting people. It also demonstrates the roles
of those who work in the railway system.



Panoramic Hall, exhibition space

The Panoramic Hall was built
between 2018 and 2019.

It has a large window where you can view
all the historic vehicles
on display at the museum.

The Panoramic Hall is located within the Main Hall.
Temporary exhibitions are also held here,
along with events and activities.



Entrevies Walkway and Platforms

The Entrevies Walkway runs alongside the bypass track, which was built in 2017. There, you will be able to see the two rotating signs, the level crossing, and the two platforms: the Pont de Pineda platform and the Pont de Senyals platform. From the platforms, you can board the operational vehicles.

Services

- ✓ Audiovisual room
- ✓ Shop
- ✓ Children's play area: mini Vilanova Station
- ✓ Self-service area for drinks and snacks
- ✓ Parking (limited spaces)
- ✓ Library

Further information

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without an
authorised ladder,
nor to enter
the pits.**

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