



A journey around the world of trains

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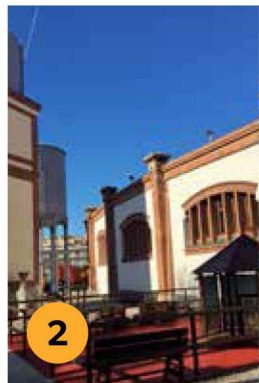
stations along the way



Interlocking frame from Barcelona's "Estación de Francia" terminus

Housed inside the Museum's entrance hall, this installation was originally built in 1924 by the Thomson Houston Company in the United States. It was used to control rail traffic at the "Estación de Francia" station until Barcelona started its preparations for the 1992 Olympics, when it was brought here to Vilanova i la Geltrú.

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Water tanks, Nuria Park and picnic area

Located between the old water tanks, this area is devoted to children, with games, a picnic area, and a rest area. A gift from FGC on the 75th anniversary of the Nuria rack and pinion railway.

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Gumà Area

The water storage tank containing the system for demineralizing the water supplied to the steam engines of the day now houses an exhibition showing the important role that the railway played in Vilanova i la Geltrú.

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The Roundhouse and locomotive collection

This collection comprises three water tanks, a semi-circular building for vehicles known as the "Roundhouse", and tracks leading to a turntable enabling rolling stock to be manoeuvred. The 24 steam locomotives in this collection make it one of the most important in Europe.

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Centennial Train (the Mataró locomotive and three first, second and third class passenger cars)

One of the greatest jewels in the Museum's collection, this replica was built in 1948 to commemorate the first 100 years of railways on the Iberian Peninsula. It reproduces the first train ever to operate in Spain on the line between Barcelona and Mataró.

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American Harlan car and wooden bogie

This innovative luxury coach was purchased in the United States by the driving force behind the railway in Vilanova, Mr. Francesc Gumà, in 1881. The Harlans were the first American-built coaches to reach Europe.

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Freight area

In this area three representative pieces of freight rolling stock are exhibited: a 'J' wagon, an open 'XX' wagon, and a 'TT3' hopper wagon. Behind the Rotonda building there is a section of 40 m gauge track, starting at a buffer stop that used to belong to the company MZA and ending at a turntable from the old Vilanova i la Geltrú railway depot.

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Talgo Area and rolling stock collection

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Museum's opening, this area was inaugurated in 2015. It is next to the most important collection of Talgo rolling stock in the world, which tells the story of the company Patentes Talgo and the innovative part it has played in railway technology.

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Railway infrastructure

Area devoted to the infrastructure needed for trains to run. Here we find various vehicles used for track laying, and the unique Pineda iron bridge (1868).

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Pathway alongside the rail, level crossing and train stop

A pathway running alongside the rail bypass built in 2017 which has two turntables (one of them from the old Vilanova Station), with the Roda de Barà level crossing and a train stop where you can board working trains.

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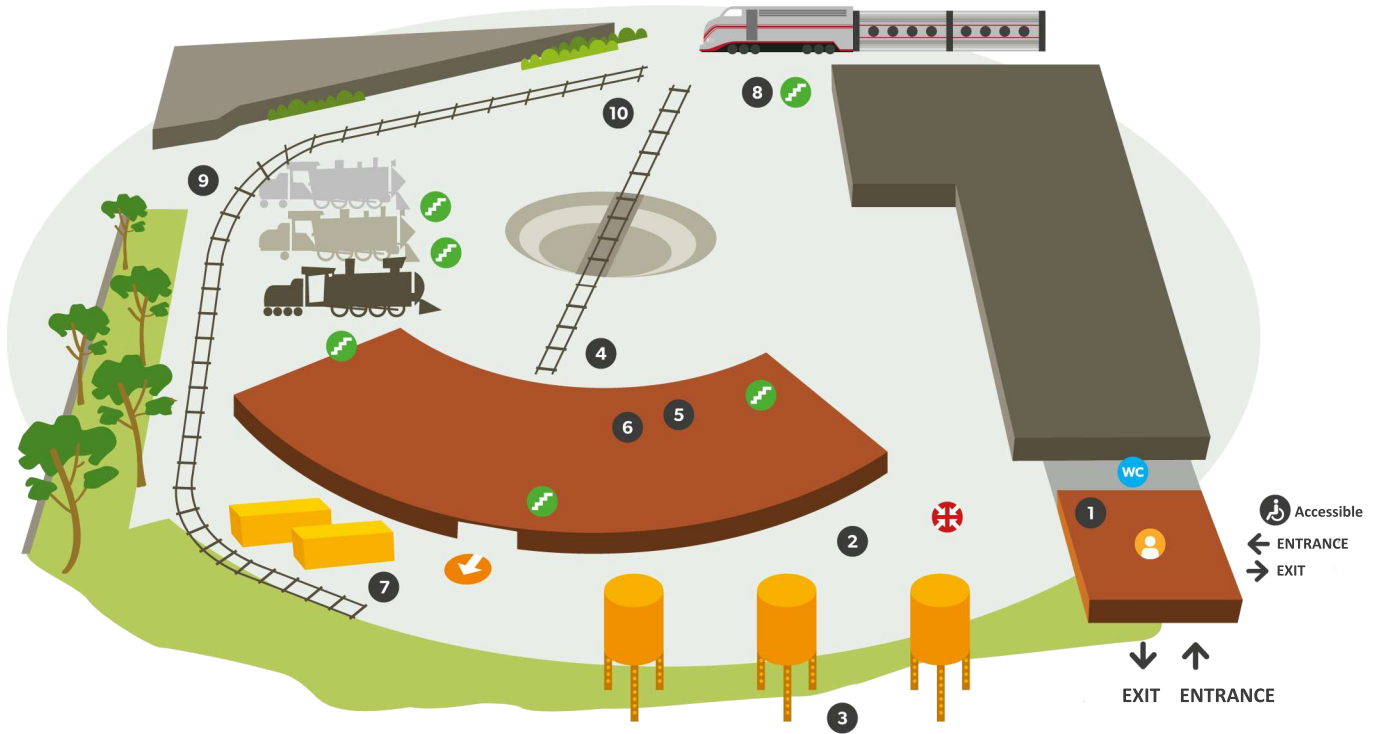
Welcome to the Railway Museum of Catalonia

It is housed in the facilities of the former steam engine depot at Vilanova i la Geltrú, created at the end of the 19th century and still in use until 1967.

In 1990 it was redesigned to accommodate the most valuable historic elements evoking our railway heritage. Among its highlights are period industrial buildings together with collections of steam-powered locomotives and Talgo vehicles.

It is considered to be the most important collection of railway technology in Catalonia and one of the most outstanding in Europe.

The Museum takes visitors on a journey around the world of trains in a living space that offers a variety of activities and services for everybody: children's areas, a shop, a train ride, and various audio-visual presentations and exhibitions.



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- WC
- Reception and shop
- Accessible vehicles to visitors*
- "Teresita Locomotive" Meeting Point
- Access from the Roundhouse building

* Visitors are not allowed to board any vehicles not specifically prepared for the purpose nor to descend into any of the pits

PLAN YOUR VISIT, OPENING HOURS:



SERVICES

- ✓ Shop
- ✓ Kiddies' play area: "Víctor's spot"
- ✓ Rest area: Self-service cafeteria and refreshments
- ✓ Parking area (limited capacity)
- ✓ Library
- ✓ Function room

FURTHER INFORMATION

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