



Track switching gear from Barcelona's "Estación de Francia" terminus

Housed inside the Museum's services building, this installation was originally built in 1924 by the Thomson Houston company. 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 the Museum.



Audio-visual room

This hall offering the Museum a versatile area for lectures and other meetings is used to provide the multilingual audio-visual documentary on the railways of Spain from yesteryear and today entitled "Camino de Hierro, ayer y hoy del Ferrocarril en España" (Camino de Hierro, the railways of Spain from yesteryear and today).



Espai Gumà

This water storage tank contained a system for demineralizing the water to be supplied to the steam engines of its day but now houses an exhibition covering the epic arrival of the railway in Vilanova i la Geltrú and its outstanding role since.



Turntable and locomotive collection

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



Centennial Train (the Mataró Locomotive and three First, Second and Third Class passenger

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.



American Harlan car and wooden bogie

This 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.



J. freight car

One of the most common models used for transporting all kinds of freight, this one was built at the workshops of the "La Maquinista Terrestre y Marítima" factory in Barcelona. Nowadays it is used as a mini-cinema for railway documentaries.



Talgo Space and vehicle collection

The collection of Talgo-manufactured vehicles displayed at the Museum is the most important currently in existence. Coinciding with the Museum's 25th anniversary, a new exhibition space is now open to the public explaining the history of the Patentes Talgo company and its innovative role in railway technology.



Railway Infrastructure

This area explains the various track gauges and infrastructure elements, from a level crossing to a High-Speed Rail traffic signal. In another area, it is also possible to view heavy machinery used for track maintenance.



21st Century Space, Room for Temporary Exhibitions

This 210 m2 structure originally used as a supply warehouse and rolling stock repair shop was refurbished in 2001 but it is still possible to view the original shelves that stored the various tools needed to work on the trains.

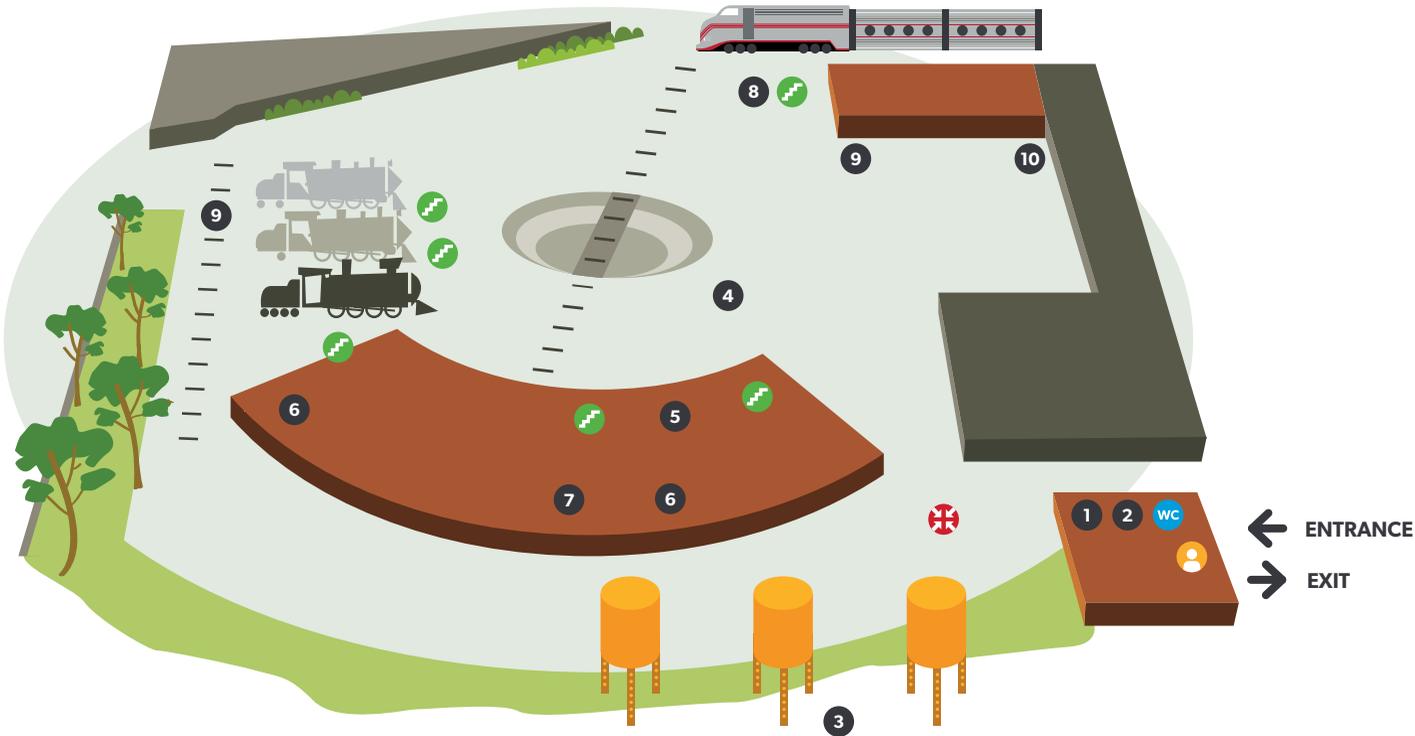
Welcome to the Railway Museum of Catalonia

It is housed in the facilities of the former steam engine storage area at Vilanova i la Geltrú, created at the end of the 19th century. Until 1967, it was still in use as a railway production site.

In 1990, it was redesigned to accommodate the most valuable elements evoking our railway heritage. Its highlights include period industrial buildings and collections of

steam-powered locomotives and Talgo-designed vehicles. It is considered the most important technical ensemble in Catalonia and among the most outstanding in Europe.

The Museum is a living space that offers a variety of activities and services for all audiences: a children's area, shop, different audio-visual offerings and exhibitions.



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Reception and shop

Vehicles accessible to visitors*

"Teresita Locomotive" Meeting Point

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

NORMAL OPENING HOURS

Tuesdays to Sundays (except Saturdays)
10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturdays 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
and 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Closed on Mondays.

Please consult our web site for special opening hours (public holidays and long weekends).

SUMMER OPENING HOURS

Open every day (Mondays to Sundays) from
10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m.
to 8:00 p.m. From July 15th to August 31st.

SERVICES

- ✓ A 30 minute audio-visual available in Catalan, Castilian, English or French
- ✓ Audio guides (Catalan, Castilian and English)
- ✓ Museum shop
- ✓ Valle de Núria park with outdoor picnic area and playground
- ✓ Self-service cafeteria and refreshments
- ✓ Parking area (limited capacity)
- ✓ Library

FURTHER INFORMATION



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