





Interlocking table from Barcelona-Estació de França

Housed inside the Museum's entrance hall, this installation was originally built in 1924 by the Thomson Houston Company in the United States. This installation, which operates with the use of electromagnetic technology, used to control the rail traffic at the "Estació de França" station until Barcelona started its preparations for the 1992 Olympics, when it was brought here to Vilanova i la Geltrú.



Vall de Núria Park and picnic area

Between the Roundhouse and the water tanks you will find: the Vall de Núria Park, a family space with games, a gift from the FGC (Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya) to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Nuria rack and pinion railway, and a picnic and rest area.



"Espai Gumà" and water tanks

In this area there are two old water storage tanks that supplied the steam engines and a building atop of which is another tank for demineralising the water, the Gumà Area, where today there is an exhibition about the railway's important role in Vilanova i la Geltrú.



The Roundhouse, swing bridge and locomotive collection

The distinctively modernist, semi-circular Roundhouse has 12 tracks that end on a swing bridge on which the rolling stock can be manoeuvred. This collection of 25 steam locomotives is considered one of the largest in Europe.



Centennial Train

Made up of the Mataró locomotive and three first, second and third class passenger cars, it is one of the greatest jewels of the Museum's locomotive collection. A replica of the first railway that operated on the Iberian Peninsula between Barcelona and Mataró, it was built in 1948 to celebrate its centenary.



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American Harlan car and wooden bogie

This innovative coach, a luxury in 1881, was purchased in the United States by the driving force behind the railway in Vilanova, Mr. Francesc Gumà. The Harlans were the first American-built coaches to reach Europe that had bogies on the passenger cars of the old continent, among other new features.



"Espai Mercaderies" (Freight area)

In this area, three representative pieces of freight rolling stock are exhibited: a 'J' wagon with a documentary about the importance of this type of rail transport, an open 'XX' wagon and a 'TT3' hopper wagon. It includes a 40 m gauge track with 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.



"Espai Talgo" and rolling stock collection

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Museum's opening, this area was inaugurated right next to the Talgo rolling stock collection (the largest one in existence). It tells the story of the company Patentes Talgo and its innovative role in the world of railway technology.



"Àrea d'Infraestructura" (Railway infrastructure)

This area started out on the Pineda metal bridge (1868), and at the time was an exhibition of signals and a collection of track maintenance machinery: a tamping-leveler-aligner, a profiler, a light tamping machine and a horn. The space ends with the Roda de Bará level crossing; the last guarded crossing that was in operation.



Pathway alongside the rail, level

A pathway running alongside the rail bypass built in 2017 which has two turntables, the level crossing and the two train stops, the Puente de Pineda and the Puente de Señales, where you can board working trains.

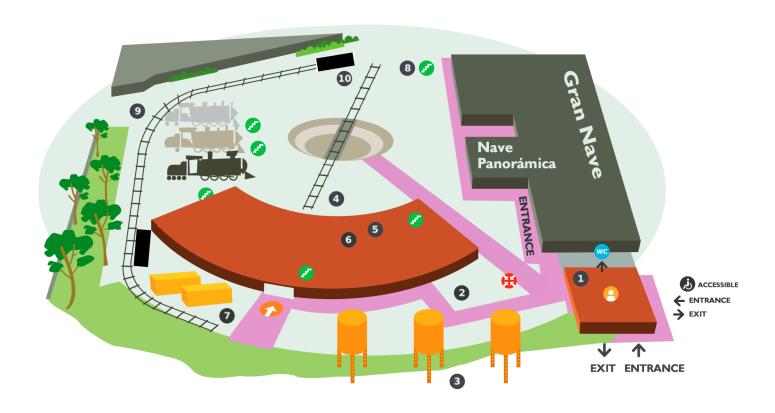
Welcome to the Catalonia **Railway** Museum

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 the evolution of the railway. It is presently undergoing a remarkable transformation process.

Among its highlights are the different modernist industrial buildings together with collections of steam-powered locomotives and Talgo vehicles. It is therefore considered to be the most important collection of railway technology in Catalonia and one 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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- Pathway alongside the rail, level crossing and train stop
- wc WC
- Accessible vehicles to visitors*
- "Teresita Locomotive" Meeting point
- Acces from the Roundhouse building
- Accessible path

*Visitors are not allowed to board any vehicles not specifically prepared for the purpose or to descend into any of the pits

SERVICES

- Shop
- Kiddies' play area: "Víctor's spot"
- Rest area: Self-service cafeteria and refreshments
- Parking area (Limited capacity)
- Library
- **Function Room**

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