

# Recinte Modernista de Sant Pau

A city within a city



The Recinte Modernista de Sant Pau is the world’s largest Art Nouveau complex, renowned for its artistic beauty, therapeutic gardens, cultural programs, and contributions to health and well-being in Barcelona. It offers free entry days, educational collaborations, partnerships with cultural institutions, and ensures accessibility for schools, local communities, and vulnerable groups.



Deeply rooted in the local community, the Recinte Modernista de Sant Pau has a **long history of healing, care, and innovation**. Managed by the Fundació Privada Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau, it **fosters cultural, educational, and social inclusion**. The visitor center focuses on **heritage interpretation** through guided tours, interactive exhibits, and immersive experiences that explore Sant Pau’s artistic, medical and social history, **highlighting Lluís Domènech i Montaner’s work and the evolution of modernist healthcare**. Advanced technology, including digital reconstructions and sensory-friendly exhibits, enhances the experience, while exhibitions on sustainability, medical progress, and cultural history showcase how heritage can be a dynamic asset. Sant Pau prioritizes site management as both a **cultural**

**landmark and a campus for international institutions**. Visitor access is limited to 450 per half-hour, with routes adjusted daily to minimize disruption. Conservation follows **strict sustainability standards**, including certifications, to reduce environmental impact. The center features barrier-free access, tactile models for visually impaired guests, and multilingual interpretation in more than ten languages. Water conservation, passive climate control, and a geothermal energy system with nearly 400 wells reduce the environmental footprint. Initiatives like the ‘Edible Forest’ project and World Cities Day partnerships with UN-Habitat highlight the site’s leadership in sustainable urban development. Through its commitment to community integration, immersive storytelling, heritage management, and sustainability, the Recinte Modernista de Sant Pau exemplifies the harmony of history, culture, and innovation. It is not just a visitor center but a **thriving cultural and social ecosystem that continues to shape Barcelona**.



KEY TALENT	<div><div></div>World Heritage Site</div>	<div>D <input type="checkbox"/> Working with and for communities</div> <div>A <input type="checkbox"/> Interpreting heritage</div> <div>C <input type="checkbox"/> Promoting access, inclusion and sustainability</div> <div>B <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting site management</div>
TYPE AND SIZE OF BUILDING	<div>Repurpose structure</div> <div>New / Site specific</div> <div>Other</div>	LARGE > 1500 m²
YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT		2000-2019
AVERAGE ANNUAL VISITORS		MEDIUM 50 - 500 k
MANAGEMENT	Private / Public / Mix	PRIVATE

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## Palau de la Música Catalana and Hospital de Sant Pau in Barcelona

This serial World Heritage property includes two of the finest contributions to Barcelona’s architecture by the art nouveau architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner. The Palau de la Música Catalana is an exuberant steel-framed structure full of light and space, decorated by leading designers. The Hospital de Sant Pau is equally bold in its design and decoration, perfectly adapted to the needs of the sick.

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