

# Map & Guide

to the Getty Center

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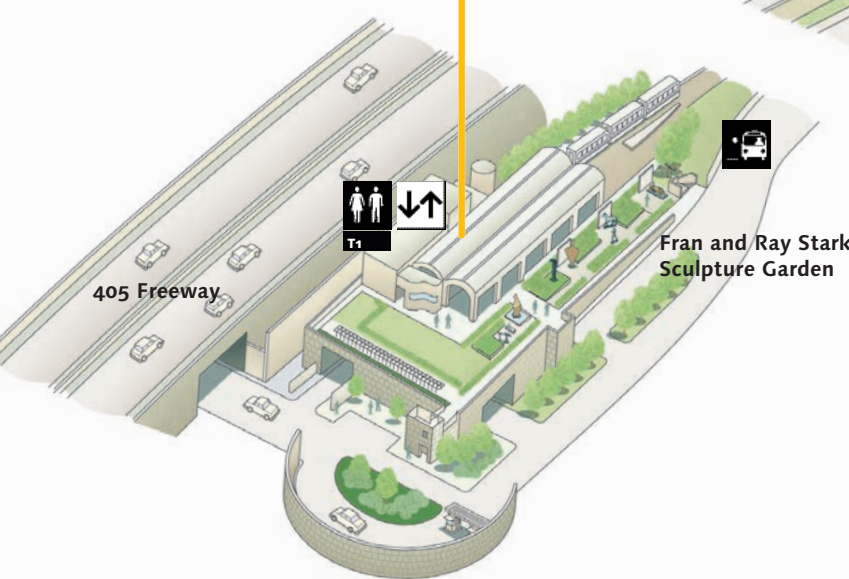


## The Getty Center

In 1983 the J. Paul Getty Trust purchased about 750 acres in the foothills of the Santa Monica Mountains. The following year, after an international search, architect Richard Meier was chosen to design the Getty Center. Famous for his contributions to architectural Modernism, Meier wedded his signature style to more classical materials in order to express the Getty's roots in the past and belief in the future. The Getty Center opened to the public in December 1997.

- T1 Lower Tram Station**  
Fran and Ray Stark Sculpture Garden
- P1 Parking Garage**

### Arrival Area



**N North Pavilion**

**2 Upper Level**  
Paintings

**PL Plaza Level**  
Sculpture and Decorative Arts  
Illuminated Manuscripts  
Changing Exhibitions

Art before 1700

**PL Plaza Level**  
Museum Entrance Hall  
Museum Store  
Information Desk

**L2 Lower Level**  
Museum Lecture Hall  
Museum Studios

**Start Your Visit**

**PL Plaza Level**  
Changing Displays

Changing displays highlight the activities of the Conservation Institute and the Foundation in Los Angeles and around the world.

**Conservation Institute/Foundation**

The Museum's collections are organized from oldest in the North Pavilion to most recent in the West Pavilion.

**E East Pavilion**

**2 Upper Level**  
Paintings

**PL Plaza Level**  
Sculpture and Decorative Arts  
Changing Exhibitions

Art 1600-1800

**S South Pavilion**

**2 Upper Level**  
Paintings

**PL Plaza Level**  
Decorative Arts  
Changing Exhibitions

Art 1600-1800

**W West Pavilion**  
Art after 1800

**2 Upper Level**  
Paintings

**PL Plaza Level**  
Sculpture and Decorative Arts  
Drawings  
Changing Exhibitions

**L2 Terrace**  
Center for Photographs

Art after 1800

**Exhibitions Pavilion**

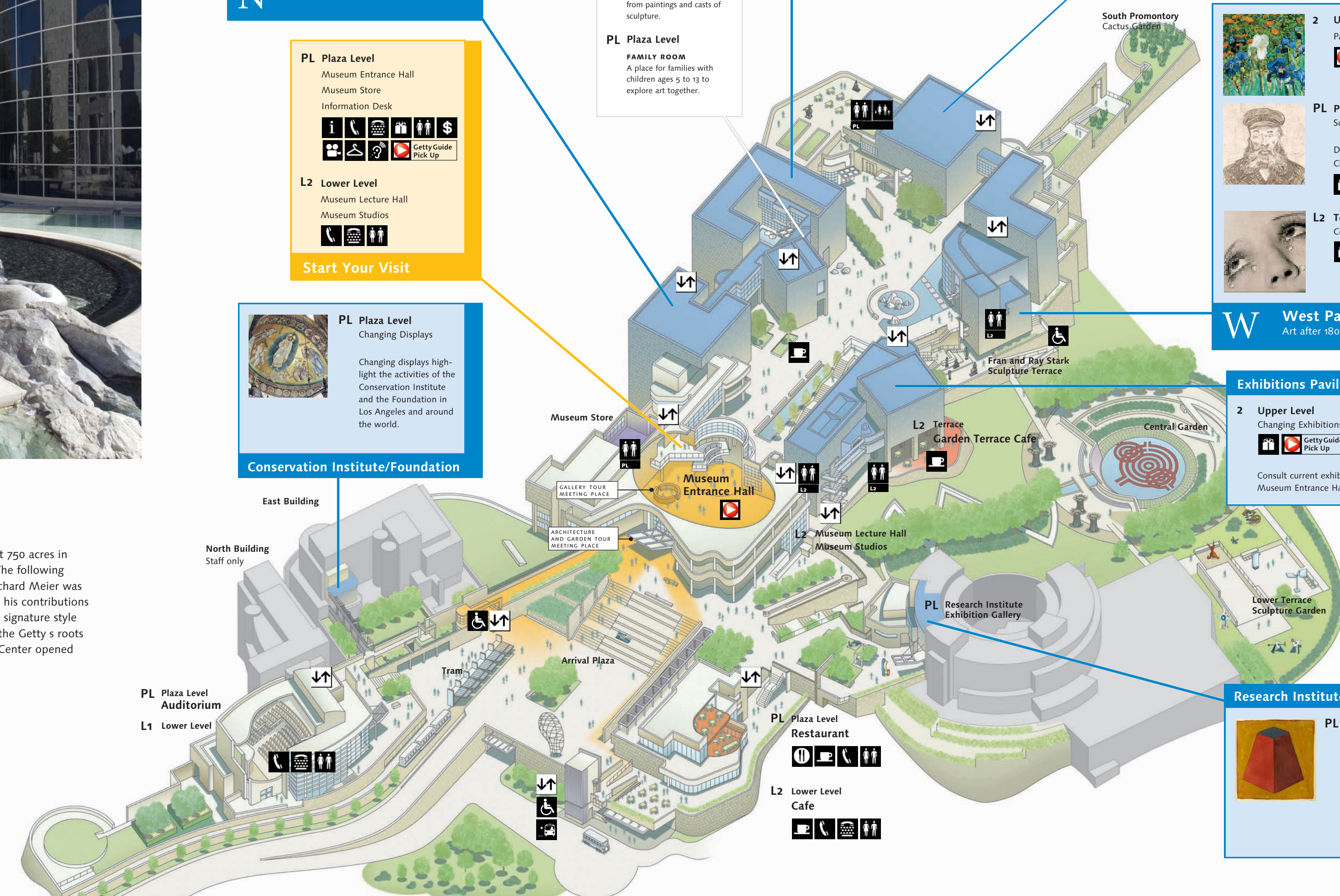
**2 Upper Level**  
Changing Exhibitions

Consult current exhibition listings in the Museum Entrance Hall.

**Research Institute**

**PL Plaza Level**  
Changing Exhibitions  
Lecture Hall  
Reading Room

Consult current exhibition listings in the Museum Entrance Hall.



- Information Desk
- Elevators
- Restrooms
- Family Restrooms
- Pay Phones
- Accessible Telephone
- Accessible Route
- Coat and Parcel Check
- Restaurant
- Cafes/Coffee Kiosks
- Picnic Area
- Museum Store and Shops
- Orientation Film (captioned)
- Parking
- Shuttle Bus Stop
- Taxis
- ATM
- Assistive Listening Devices
- GettyGuide

- Start Your Visit**  
Pick up a copy of Today at the Getty Center as you arrive or check the Today Board in the Museum Entrance Hall for schedules of talks and tours, family activities, and upcoming performances, lectures, and other events.
- Where to Eat**  
The Restaurant features full-service fine dining in an elegant setting. The self-service Cafe has an extensive menu of hot and cold items and both indoor and outdoor seating. The smaller outdoor Garden Terrace Cafe offers coffee, lunch, and snacks.
- Where to Shop**  
The Museum Store in the Museum Entrance Hall offers books, cards, posters, and other items. Selected merchandise is also available at Museum Shops across the site.

- Explore the Galleries**
- The J. Paul Getty Museum**  
The J. Paul Getty Museum presents small, focused shows and rotating displays of art from the permanent collection as well as large-scale international loan exhibitions on view throughout the Museum's five pavilions. Consult current exhibitions listings in the Museum Entrance Hall.
- ORIENTATION FILM**  
A 10-minute film (with English-language captions) introducing the Museum and its collections shows continuously in two theaters in the Museum Entrance Hall.
- TOURS AND GALLERY TALKS**  
Daily talks and tours are offered on the architecture and gardens, the Museum's collections, and special exhibitions. For times and meeting locations, pick up a copy of Today at the Getty Center as you arrive or at the Information Desk in the Museum Entrance Hall. Spanish-language tours are given on weekends.

- GettyGuide™**  
Explore the Museum's collections in depth with GettyGuide. Visit the GettyGuide Room located in the West Pavilion and GettyGuide stations throughout the Museum, or pick up a GettyGuide Audio Player, available in the Museum Entrance Hall and the Exhibitions Pavilion.
- FAMILY ROOM**  
Families can discover a world of wonders, delights, and hands-on activities in the Family Room, located in the Museum Courtyard near the East Pavilion.
- THE SKETCHING GALLERY**  
Visitors of all ages can make their own drawings in the Sketching Gallery, located in the East Pavilion, Upper Level. Materials are provided.

- Getty Research Institute**
- EXHIBITIONS**  
The Research Institute presents changing exhibitions of rare books, prints, photographs, and other materials from its collections in the Exhibition Gallery.
- PLAZA READING ROOM**  
Visitors may browse the Research Library's art reference materials and periodicals in the Reading Room, Monday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- RESEARCH LIBRARY**  
The Research Library's 900,000-volume collection on the history of art is a resource for scholars, university faculty, graduate students, and other researchers. For more information, stop by the Reference Desk in the Plaza Reading Room or call Research Library Reference at (310) 440-7390.

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