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VISITING THE GETTY VILLA



LOS ANGELES—The Getty Villa offers an incomparable setting for the study and enjoyment of the arts and cultures of ancient Greece, Rome, and Etruria. The Villa weaves together art, performances, family activities, lectures, theater, scholarship, conservation, and other activities to create an integrated educational and cultural experience for all ages, serving as a gateway to the classical past for students, scholars, specialized professionals, and general audiences.

Admission to the Getty Villa is always free. An advance, timed ticket is required and can be obtained online at www.getty.edu, or by phone at 310-440-7300. Parking rates vary.

Architecture

Bordered by coastal mountains and the Pacific Ocean, the Getty Villa vividly evokes the classical world in both its landscape and architecture. Modeled after the Villa dei Papiri, a first-century Roman country house, the Villa is an airy, sunlit, environment, featuring mosaic floors and colorful trompe l'oeil walls and paintings. Its four

gardens and grounds are planted with species known from the ancient Mediterranean, creating lush and fragrant places to stroll.

Museum

The Getty Villa houses the J. Paul Getty Museum's extensive collection of Greek, Roman, and Etruscan antiquities, which comprises about 44,000 objects. More than 1,300 of them are on view in 27 galleries devoted to the permanent collection and organized to follow the historical development of classical art from the Neolithic Period through the late Roman Empire (ca. 3000 B.C.-A.D. 600). An additional six galleries present changing exhibitions, often featuring works from other national and international institutions. The Family Forum features hands-on activities that encourage shared learning and discovery for children.



Complementing the exhibitions and installations at the Getty Villa are a wide variety of public programs. They include an annual outdoor theater production in a dramatic 450-seat outdoor classical theater

based on ancient prototypes, staged play readings, musical performances, film 2 screenings, Family Festivals, artist demonstrations, lectures, workshops, and gallery and studio courses.

In addition to the public performances and exhibitions, the Getty Villa hosts a range of scholarly activities fueled by the presence of the antiquities collection and the resources of the Getty Research Library at the Villa, with a capacity of about 20,000 volumes related to the ancient world.



Gardens

The Getty Villa features four gardens that blend Roman architecture with open air spaces and Mediterranean plants.

In ancient times, gardens served both practical and aesthetic purposes at Roman country homes. They let fresh air and light enter the home, and also acted as gathering places to have conversations or to escape the heat.

About 300 varieties of plants are used in the landscaping of the Getty Villa, many of which can also be found in the Mediterranean region. Visitors can stroll the gardens at their leisure or take guided tours offered multiple times daily.

The Store

The Museum Store at the Getty Villa offers an extensive selection of books and merchandise reflecting classical antiquity, the beauty of the Getty Villa site and its antiquities collection, and changing exhibitions. Look for books about mythology, the art and culture of

the ancient world, and gardens and herbs. Find inspired gifts like gardening kits, art supplies, unique jewelry, elegant apparel, tableware and home accessories, notecards and journals, and books and toys for children that are both fun and educational.

Dining Options

The Café serves casual Mediterranean fare and offers both indoor and outdoor seating. Menu items feature organic, locally grown produce wherever possible.

Across from the Café entrance, the Coffee Kiosk offers coffee, hot tea, espresso drinks, lemonade, and bottled beverages, as well as grab-and-go items, including house-made soup, hot and cold sandwiches, salads, and a selection of baked goods, desserts, and ice cream (during summer months).

On Thursdays and Saturdays at 1pm, Tea by the Sea is served in the Founder's Room above the Café. Inspired by the herbs, vegetables, and fruits that grow in the Villa's authentically recreated first-century Roman garden, Tea by the Sea features savory sandwiches, sweet scones, tea breads, and gourmet desserts—along with fruits, cheeses, and a varied selection of teas. (Wine and prosecco are available for a small additional charge.) Reservations are recommended.



Families

Families are welcome at the Getty Villa, and there are many activities for children, including the Family Forum, the Demigods audio tour, and special events and activities offered seasonally throughout the year.

The Family Forum features hands-on activities designed to encourage children and families to explore, play, and learn together. The focus is on the world of ancient Greek vases—how they were made, decorated, and used. Visitors can step into a scene from an ancient vase in

the shadow-pose area, and explore vase-painting techniques used by ancient craftsmen in the vase-decorating area.

The Demigods audio tour is inspired by the popular Percy Jackson book series. The immersive audio tour takes visitors on a personal quest around the Getty Villa, where they'll meet heroes, dodge monsters, and avoid a certain unfriendly god. At the end of their journey, visitors will discover their godly relative and claim their reward. The audio tour is also available online with additional resources at http://www.getty.edu/education/kids_families/percy_jackson/.

Standard strollers are permitted in the galleries and are available without charge on a first come, first-served basis in the Entry Pavilion. Child-carrying backpacks are not allowed in the galleries. Baby bottles are allowed in the galleries; no other food or beverages are permitted.

Family restrooms, equipped with diaper-changing facilities, breastfeeding area and a private facility in which you can assist a companion, are located adjacent to the Museum Store and at the tour bus drop-off area. Most Getty Villa public restrooms have diaper-changing tables.

HOW TO VISIT

Hours

Wednesday–Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed Tuesday and on major holidays (January 1, July 4, Thanksgiving, and December

Admission

Admission to the Getty Villa is always free. An advance, timed ticket is required and can be obtained online at <http://www.getty.edu/visit/villa> or by phone at (310) 440-7300.

Each Villa ticket allows you to bring up to three children ages 15 and under in one car. Groups of nine or more must make reservations by phone. 4 No walk-ins are permitted except for those arriving by public transportation. Bus passengers must have their Villa admission ticket hole-punched by the driver before exiting the bus in order to enter the Villa.

Location

The Villa is located at 17985 Pacific Coast Highway, one mile north of Sunset Boulevard. The 64-acre site is approximately 25 miles west of downtown Los Angeles, and about 13 miles from the Getty Center. Visitors must approach the Getty Villa from the south. Access to the Getty Villa is from the northbound right-hand lane of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH).

Parking

Parking rates vary: \$20 10am-3pm; \$15 after 3; \$10 for evening events. There is no parking on neighborhood streets.

Public Transportation

Metro Bus 434 stops near the Getty Villa entrance on Pacific Coast Highway. Call the MTA at (800) 266-6883 or TTY (800) 252-9040 for more information.

Visitors who take public transportation must have their Villa tickets hole-punched by the driver before exiting the bus.

Accessibility

The Getty Villa is ADA accessible to all visitors. Wheelchairs are available without charge on a first-come, first-served basis in the Entry Pavilion. Assisted listening devices are available for the Orientation Theater. Multimedia tour transcriptions are available at the GettyGuide Desk. Sign-language interpretation is available ten days in advance by calling 310-440-7300 or 310-440-7305 TTY. Open captioning in English is provided for the Museum Theater film and for videos throughout the galleries. Service Animals, such as a guide dog for the blind, are welcome at the Getty Villa. All restrooms include accessible facilities.

Reservations for special events

Reservations are required for special event seating, and groups of 15 or more. Please call 310-440-7300 (English or Spanish) for reservations and information. The TTY line for callers who are deaf or hearing impaired is 310-440-7305. Additional information is available at www.getty.edu.

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Angeles-based J. Paul Getty Trust and Getty programs share art, knowledge, and resources online at Getty.edu and welcome the public for free at the Getty Center and the Getty Villa.

The J. Paul Getty Museum collects Greek and Roman antiquities, European paintings, drawings, manuscripts, sculpture and decorative arts to 1900, as well as photographs from around the world to the present day. The Museum's mission is to display and interpret its collections, and present important loan exhibitions and publications for the enjoyment and education of visitors locally and internationally. This is supported by an active program of research, conservation, and public programs that seek to deepen our knowledge of and connection to works of art.

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