

The Getty Villa

OVERVIEW

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.

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.

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 1300 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 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.

The Villa is also home to the UCLA/Getty Master's Program in Archaeological and Ethnographic Conservation, the first program of its kind in the United States with such a specialized focus. The partnership combines the resources of the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology at UCLA and the Getty Conservation Institute and is closely connected to research activities at the Villa. It is designed to train a new generation of young conservators for the field.

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.

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The J. Paul Getty Trust is an international cultural and philanthropic institution devoted to the visual arts that includes the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Getty Research Institute, the Getty Conservation Institute, and the Getty Foundation. The J. Paul Getty Trust and Getty programs serve a varied audience from two locations: the Getty Center in Los Angeles and the Getty Villa in Malibu.

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.

Visiting the Getty Villa

The Getty Villa is open Wednesday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed Tuesdays, Thanksgiving, December 25 (Christmas Day), and January 1. Admission to the Getty Villa is always free, but a ticket is required for admission. Tickets can be ordered in advance, or on the day of your visit, at www.getty.edu/visit or at (310) 440-7300. Parking is \$15 per car, but reduced to \$10 after 3 p.m. Groups of 15 or more must make reservations by phone. For more information, call (310) 440-7300 (English or Spanish); (310) 440-7305 (TTY line for the deaf or hearing impaired). The Getty Villa is at 17985 Pacific Coast Highway, Pacific Palisades, California. Same-day parking at both Museum locations (Getty Center and Getty Villa) is available for \$15 through the Getty's Pay Once, Park Twice program.

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