

Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site

The recovery of a world heritage site

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The Europe's Largest Art Nouveau Site

Sant Pau, the Europe's largest Art Nouveau Site, is one of the crowning achievements of the architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner. A visit to Sant Pau takes you right inside the spirit of Modernisme and the history of one of Europe's oldest hospital institutions.



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A UNESCO World Heritage Site

The Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site is one of the outstanding landmarks of Barcelona's heritage and culture. Conceived by its architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner as a city within the city, a hospital made up of widely-spaced pavilions, well ventilated and oriented amid gardens to help the sick get better sooner, it was declared a Historic Artistic Monument in 1978, and recognised as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1997.

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An international Knowledge Centre

The Art Nouveau Site is home to leading institutions in the fields of sustainability, health and education. At Sant Pau, these organisations carry out their own programmes and activities and undertake joint initiatives.



The Centre for Knowledge and Cultural Dissemination

After over eighty years as the site of the Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau, the Art Nouveau site has been transformed into a research centre accommodating benchmark international organisations in the fields of **healthcare, sustainability and education**, all three of which are consistent with the institution's foundational aims.

At present, seven entities are housed on this campus of knowledge:

- The United Nations University (UNU)
- Casa Àsia
- The Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA)
- The World Health Organisation (WHO)
- The European Forestry Institute (EFI)
- The UN-Habitat City Resilience Programme
- The Global University Network for Innovation (GUNI).

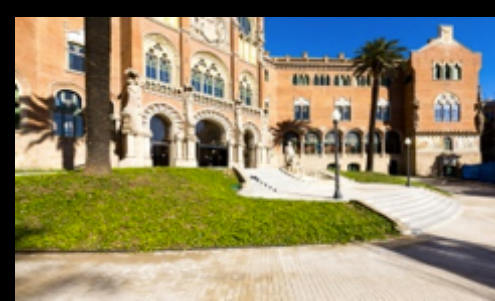
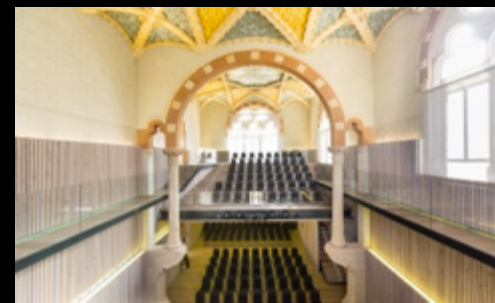
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An exceptional meeting space

The Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site has special areas of great artistic and heritage value. Its unique charm and the variety of formats on offer make Sant Pau the perfect place to hold conferences, workshops, corporate events and professional meetings.

An exceptional meeting place

Rental of Venues



Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site

Sant Pau INÈDIT: Cycle of concerts

Every Friday in June, the gardens of the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site provide a unique auditorium for some very special concerts. Buy your tickets here.



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An institution steeped in history

With more than six centuries of history, Sant Pau is one of the oldest institutions in the country. The Historical Archive of the Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau conserves an invaluable collection of documentary materials that bear witness to the evolution of medicine and the history of Barcelona and Catalonia.

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History



The Origins – The Mediaeval Hospital (1450)



Biblioteca Nacional de Catalunya



Sant Pau and its Benefactors



Pau Gil i Serra

The Architect: Lluís Domènech i Montaner



Lluís Domènech i Montaner

The Art Nouveau Hospital (1930)



The concept: “A city within a city”



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13,5 Hectàrees



Superfície equivalent
a 9 illes de l'Eixample

45.280 m² construïts

45.189 m² d'espai exterior



29.429 m²
Vials



15.760 m²
Zona enjardinada

1km Més d'1 quilòmetre de galeries
subterrànies que connecten tots
els pavellons.









Tabellones enfermeria del Carmen, de Montserrat y de la Merced













The site



The materials



The gardens



The sculptures



The ceramics



Recovery of a world heritage site

Recovery of a world heritage site: Need



View of the damage to one of the domes; collapse of the dome of the Mercè Pavilion; and the condition of some of the ornamentals elements.

Planning and organization of the refurbishment project

Once the healthcare activity was moved off-site, the refurbishment process of the Art Nouveau Complex began.

An initial phase of action was defined in the central area of the Complex, which holds the greatest heritage value with the following features:

- A built surface area of 29,517 m²
- 31,052 m² of outdoor space
- 12 pavilions
- 1 km of underground galleries

The refurbishment work began in October 2009 and was envisaged to be completed by the middle of 2014.

Recovery of a world heritage site: Opportunity



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Desenvolupament



Formació



Artistes i intel·lectuals



Divulgació

Objectives of intervention

The recovery of the historic-cultural and architectural value of the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site was led by **two clear objectives**:

- to provide the old pavilions with **new uses** capable of attracting outstanding international organisations, and
- to enable the **opening up of the heritage site to the city and its visitors** with a project of exceptional quality.

Criteria of intervention

A commitment to a quality full – scale refurbishment that is respectful of the heritage

- a) Creation of the heritage Committee
- b) Research and documentation process
- c) Definition of restoration criteria

Restoration criteria

1. To ensure a **quality architectural recovery**



Restoration criteria

2. To convert the Sant Pau Complex into a model for **energy sustainability**.



Restoration criteria

3. To incorporate the **new information and communication technologies**, in the commitment to attain a benchmark refurbishment in this field.



The result

The balance, rigour and coherence among these three objectives are essential to ensuring that the recovery of the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Complex serves as **a model for heritage restoration** and at the same time **a benchmark for the incorporation of 21st century functional needs into the recovery of 20th-century heritage** (Art Nouveau together with modernity).

Current state of affairs of the restoration process

- 35.505 m2 built surface
- 27.718 m2 outdoor space
- 6 completely restored buildings
- 2 pavilions are currently undergoing restoration
- The executive consolidation plan has been drafted for 4 buildings
- The installation ring has been installed, underground rooms have been annexed to the pavilions and part of the installation of the medium voltage installation has been finished
- 67 teams of architects, with a total of 90 architects involved
- 25 engineering offices.
- 103 construction companies
- 20 restoration companies
- 37 collaborating companies (gardening, signage, security, materials, etc.)
- 3 stonecutters
- 72 M € investment

Financing of the restoration

Philosophy

As the agreements with the different institutions to be located at the site were closed, the specific functional plans were developed and financing was obtained, drafting of executive projects for comprehensive rehabilitation were done.

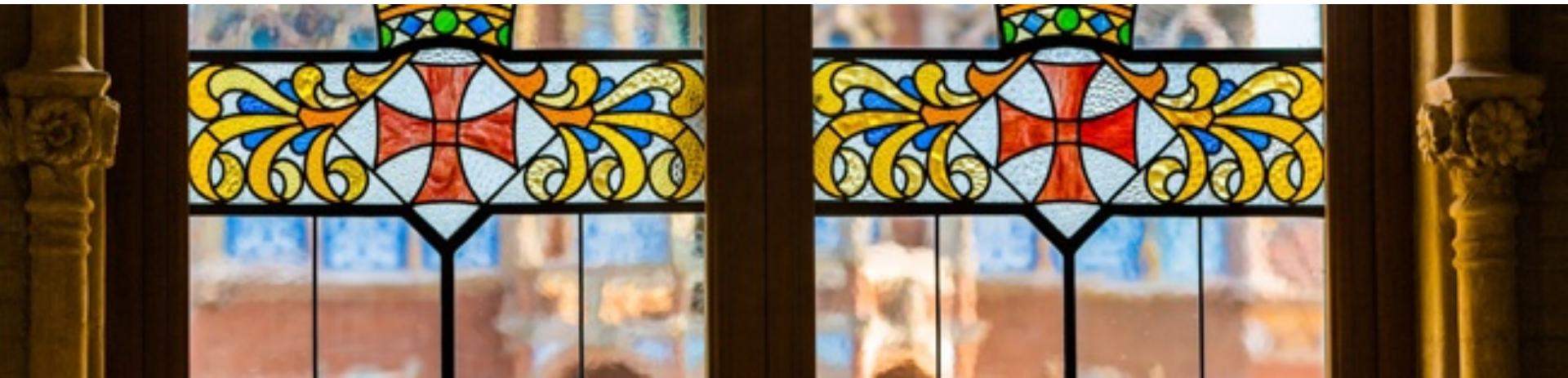
Financing of the restoration

- FEDER Catalonia 2007 – 2013
- Ministry of Culture
- 1% Cultural (Ley de Patrimonio Histórico – Ministerio de Fomento)
- Generalitat de Catalunya
- Ajuntament de Barcelona
- Fons Estatal d'Inversió Local
- Fundació Privada Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau



Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site today

- Europe's largest art nouveau site, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Barcelona's most outstanding tourist sites, along with the Pedrera, the Casa Batlló and the Sagrada Família.
- An international knowledge centre
- An exceptional meeting place
- A new modern and dynamic cultural center for the city



First six months of the opening

- Consolidated as one of Barcelona's most outstanding tourist sites (130.000 visitors + 120.000 visitors first month of open doors). Original target was 120.000 visitors per year
- + 200 hundred people working in the international organizations located at Sant Pau
- Consolidated as a new modern and dynamic meeting place and cultural center for the city
- Contributed to transformation of the neighborhood.



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