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# EL BORN

## Guide

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### EL BORN CENTRE CULTURAL DE BARCELONA

#### A cultural hub for the city

El Born Centre Cultural de Barcelona is a part of our collective heritage. A unique multipurpose public space, it offers a varied programme for all audiences. Literature, language, conferences, music, games, puppets and gastronomy all have a place at El Born CC, to provoke thought, feelings, understanding, experiences, emotions and contact with the city and its history.

#### The scene of the events of 1714

The subsoil of El Born CC contains the remains of the city devastated by King Phillip V's troops towards the end of the War of the Spanish Succession. Listed as a national cultural heritage site, the archaeological area is the doorway to a world full of excitement and epic deeds, to a city at war intermittently laid to siege and bombarded by land and sea, the epicentre of the last armed conflict of the siege of 1714.

#### A journey to the Barcelona of 1700

El Born Centre Cultural details the exceptionally high quality of life of the inhabitants of Barcelona around the year 1700 with regards to the inside of houses, games, dance, music and language, as well as other aspects. These are the remnants of a prosperous city that was attacked and disfigured, but which finally rebuilt itself.

#### An exceptional archaeological area

The remains uncovered in the market's subsoil constitute a pristine archaeological site, one of a kind in Europe in terms of its state of conservation, its historical sequence and the wealth of notary documents.

The latter have made it possible to identify not only the owners and occupants of each of the houses found, but also, thanks to the existence of inventories, all that they contained. The archaeological excavations have brought to light a fragment of the neighbourhood of Vilanova de Mar: The City of El Born.

#### The cast-iron and glass cathedral

El Born market represented the first time that Barcelona imported the pioneering European style of cast-iron architecture. The building, listed today as a local heritage site, became a symbol of the neighbourhood of La Ribera and opened the doors to the city's period of cast-iron markets.

#### From market to cultural centre

Towards the end of 2001 excavation work began on the old Born market, work which unearthed archaeological remains of great historical importance. In 2003, a committee comprising representatives from the Barcelona City Council, the Catalan Government and local residents decided that El Born should be turned into a living commercial and cultural centre and museum. The old El Born market is now opening its doors as El Born Centre Cultural de Barcelona, an exceptional, ambitious and engaging heritage complex.

The archaeological site, the market, the Barcelona of 1700, the memory of the events of 1714 and the extensive programme of activities all come together to form El Born CC, a historical space and a link to other times which, in the current day, allows us to contemplate the past and look towards the future.

The soul of El Born awakens!

**Bus:** 14-39-51-120-17-19-40-45  
**Metro:** L4: Jaume I and Barceloneta; L1: Arc de Triomf  
**Train:** França station, Arc de Triomf station  
**Parking:** Avinguda Lluís Companys, 21; Plaça Comercial, 1; Avinguda Marquès de l'Argentera, 8-20 (Estació de França); Avinguda Francesc Cambó, 10 (entrance on Via Laietana)

### GETTING THERE

**Access to the archaeological site:** For safety reasons, visitors must wear flat, closed-toe footwear. Disabled persons may access the spaces that are wheelchair accessible.

This is a cultural centre. Please behave appropriately, respect the upkeep of the facility and follow the instructions given by the Centre's staff. The centre has a limited capacity. Access to the archaeological site: For safety reasons, visitors must wear flat, closed-toe footwear. Disabled persons may access the spaces that are wheelchair accessible.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Entrance will be permitted to El Born CC until 30 minutes before closing. For information and bookings, please call (+34) 93 256 68 50, Monday to Friday, from 9.30 am to 19 pm, or write to [reserveselborncc@bcn.cat](mailto:reserveselborncc@bcn.cat)

### AREAS AND SERVICES OF EL BORN CC

El Born CC forms a large block for pedestrians with free access. It provides visitors with a panoramic view of the archaeological site and the restored market building, as well as access to the information panels on the balcony, audio-guide points, exhibitions and information on the activities programme.

#### The market building

The old El Born market, now a local heritage site, was designed by Josep Fontserè in 1871 and was Barcelona's first open ironwork market.

#### Street level

A cultural street open to everyone. El Born CC is an open thoroughfare which people can walk through freely from 10 am to 8 pm, Tuesday to Sunday. During these hours, the doors to Plaça Comercial and Carrer Comercial will remain open, thus making El Born CC a natural part of the path taken from Santa Maria del Mar and Passeig del Born to Passeig Picasso and Parc de la Ciutadella. It is a street where passersby can experience and breathe in the excitement of a history that occurred just under their feet.

#### Reception and Information

There are two reception and information areas: one for information and ticket sales, located in Plaça Comercial at the El Born entrance, and one for audio-guide collection and a group meeting point on Carrer Comercial at the Ciutadella entrance.

On open doors days (every first Sunday of the month and Sunday afternoons) entry to the exhibition spaces will be free. On these days it will not be possible to access the archaeological site or use the audio-guides. There will be no guided tours either.

**Open doors days**  
— 12 February, St. Eulàlia's Day  
— 18 May, International Museum Day  
— 11 September, National Day of Catalonia  
— 24 September, Day of La Mercè  
— 30 November, St. Andrew's Day  
— The first Sunday of every month  
— Every Sunday afternoon

**Closed on the following national holidays**  
— 1 January, New Year's Day  
— 1 May, International Workers' Day  
— 24 June, Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
— 25 December, Christmas Day

**Food Hall:** Tuesday to Sunday, 10 am to midnight. From 8 pm to midnight, the passage next to Plaça Comercial will be open to visitors, while the other areas will be closed.

**Book and gift shop:** Tuesday to Sunday, from 10 am to 8 pm.

### OPENING HOURS

Opening hours for the centre and exhibition spaces: Tuesday to Sunday and bank holiday Mondays, from 10 am to 8 pm. **Food Hall:** Tuesday to Sunday, 10 am to midnight. From 8 pm to midnight, the passage next to Plaça Comercial will be open to visitors, while the other areas will be closed. **Book and gift shop:** Tuesday to Sunday, from 10 am to 8 pm.

#### Free entry

Castellví Hall: Food Hall and Gift and Book Shop.

#### Multipurpose area

Moragues Hall: a multipurpose hall for free and paid activities with a capacity of up to 280 people. Hall opening hours according to the activities programme.

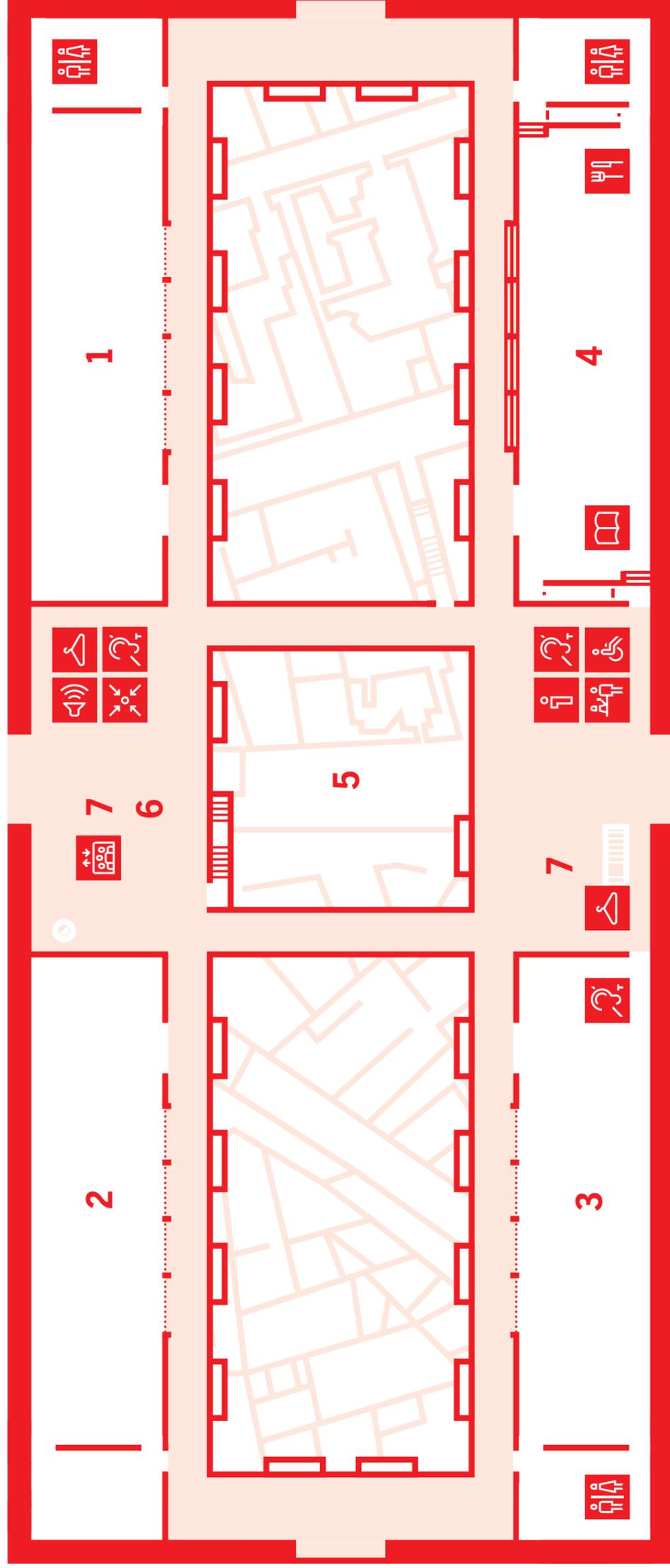
#### Subsoil

Archaeological site. This exceptional archaeological area, one of a kind in Europe, is a national heritage site and the scene of the events of 1714.

#### Services

- Guided tours of the archaeological site
- Guided tours of the exhibitions
- Guided tours for disabled visitors
- Interactive tours
- Workshops
- Routes
- Audio-guide
- App
- Educational service
- Activities programme
- Book and gift shop
- Food Hall
- Accessible facilities

**Ciutadella entrance**  
Carrer Comercial



Carrer de la Fusina

Carrer de la Ribera

Plaça Comercial  
**Born entrance**



**El Born CC**

- 1 Permanent exhibition — Villarroel Hall
- 2 Temporary exhibition — Casanova Hall
- 3 Multipurpose space — Moragues Hall
- 4 Gift and Book Shop / Food Hall — Castellví Hall

- 5 Archaeological site
- 6 Tactile scale model of the building
- 7 Tactile map

-  Balcony with information panels
-  Public area