

WHV - The Restoration of Casa Batlló, from inside to beyond its walls

Works of Antoni Gaudí, Spain

Cultural property inscribed on the World List since 12/11/2019 – 23/11/2019
1984 and extended in 2005



Casa Batlló, a modernist style building in Barcelona, is the result of the renovation of an austere building designed in 1877 by Emilio Sala Cortés who was Antoni Gaudí's teacher during his architecture studies. Although the initial idea was to knock down the house, thanks to the courage shown by Gaudí, it was ultimately decided to carry out a full renovation, transforming a classic style building into a masterpiece of modernism, full of imagination and creativity.

Project objectives:

The project aims to empower young people in the conservation and understanding of World Heritage sites, to foster traditional skills and knowledge of restoration to young generations, and to raise the awareness among youth of the values, challenges and importance of conservation of modern heritage.

Project activities:

The project consists of two parts – a practical working part and a study part. The project combines elements of research and documentation on one hand and restoration elements on the other hand. In the evenings and during the weekend, educational and cultural activities take place. The practical working part includes supporting the documentation of Casa Batlló, where the participants will archive and organize historical documents incorporating them into a digital database. The second activity focuses on *trencadis*, traditional mosaics made of ceramic tiles. The participants will learn the technique of *trencadis* and contribute to the restoration of original *trencadis*. The study part will provide the necessary background knowledge, as well as inside views about the challenges and potentials of Modern Heritage, and the management of World Heritage sites that are highly visited by the public.

Partners:

Ministry of Culture and Sport of the Government of Spain; Polytechnic University of Catalonia; University of Barcelona; European Heritage Volunteers.

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