

## WHV – Documenting Casa Batlló to preserve our heritage for the future

### Works of Antoni Gaudí, Spain

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1984)

### PROJECT DATES

13 October - 26 October 2024

**THE SITE** - Seven properties built by the architect Antoni Gaudí (1852–1926) in or near Barcelona testify to Gaudí's exceptional creative contribution to the development of architecture and building technology in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. These monuments represent an eclectic, as well as a very personal, style which was given free reign in the design of gardens, sculpture and all decorative arts, as well as architecture. The Casa Batlló, a pre-existing building remodelled by Gaudí, largely conserves its original design as apartment building, combining this in present day with other uses, and it has been restored to improve its state of conservation and enhance its use for cultural purposes.

**OBJECTIVES** - As the private owner and responsible for the restoration process of the site inscribed as part of the Works of Antoni Gaudí, Casa Batlló S.L. is committed to share the knowledge, experience and understanding of the restoration of Casa Batlló and its Outstanding Universal Value, investing in an initiative that enhances the visibility and social impact of the restoration process and the traditional knowledge involved. The project has the objectives of empowering young people in the conservation and understanding of World Heritage sites; fostering traditional skills and knowledge of restoration to young generations; and raising awareness among youth of the values, challenges and importance of conservation of modern heritage.

**ACTIVITIES** - The project will engage volunteers to improve the documentation of the property, helping recovering materials missing from the historical archives, and implementing new user-friendly techniques to preserve and showcase the existent files.

**PARTNERS** - Ministry of Culture and Sport of the Government of Spain; Department of Culture of the Catalan Government; Polytechnic University of Catalonia; UNESCO Chair on Sustainability; Institut Amatller d'Art Hispànic.

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