

Access Statement

Situated in the centre of Rabat, the Wignacourt Museum forms part of a Pauline complex just outside the old Roman City. It is linked to St. Paul's Grotto the place where St. Paul the apostle in A.D 60 is believed to have founded the Christian Community on the island. As well as the Grotto, visitors may also explore a labyrinth of Punic, Roman and Christian Hypogea and a complex of World War II shelters.

The Wignacourt Museum complex is spread out over 3 floors. There are no lifts at present. Visitors should allow 30-45 minutes to visit the whole site. Audio guides are available for €2 and run for approximately 45 minutes.

You can also enjoy our cafe/restaurant which offers a variety of food and beverages. This is situated on the ground floor and the inside area is step free. The outside area is accessible by a few steps.

Pre-Arrival

- You will need to catch a bus to Rabat. The museum is located in the centre of Rabat, close to the Church of St. Paul. The closest bus stop is a short walk away (7 minutes) from the museum.
- For full details and maps of how to reach us please see the directions section of our website.

Car Parking and Arrival

- The museum does not have its own parking area, but there are parking bays in the adjacent streets and a public off site car park is a short walk away, close to the bus station.
- There are 2 steps leading to the main entrance. There is no ramp but a step free access is available through The Wignacourt Cafe and Wine Garden which leads onto the Museum's main entrance.

Main Entrance, Reception and Ticketing Area

- The main entrance and ticket area is situated on the ground floor with step free, level access throughout
- All areas of the complex are accessible from the main ticketing area through turn styles which are operated using the bar-coded ticket
- Pushchairs may not be taken beyond this point but a secure place is set aside for their storage. Therefore we advise visitors bring an infant harness.



Attraction (displays, exhibits etc)

- An audio tour to guide visitors through the museum complex is available at an additional charge of €2 and run for approximately 45 minutes. We recommend the use of audio guides if you have the time as this makes the experience much more enjoyable
- Interpretation boards are present in large text on the first floor of the museum.
- There are laminated leaflets available which give detailed information for selected displays of special interest.
- Wooden and upholstered benches are located at various points around the galleries.
- The floor surface is tiled within the museum, whilst the underground areas are natural stone and can be uneven in places. Handrails are present in areas where steps are placed and where floor surfaces are uneven.
- There are some narrow passage ways with low ceilings within the catacombs.
- Lighting in the galleries is generally bright and evenly lit with overhead halogen lighting. However some areas are more dimly lit.

Public Toilets

- Public toilets are available on both the first floor of the museum and in the cafe on the ground floor. The latter is a unisex accessible toilet, the width of the door to this is 102 cms
- The toilets are well lit with over head lighting.
- There are lever taps on the sinks.
- There are also other public toilets available 50 meters up the road.

Catering

- The cafe is situated on the ground floor where there is both inside and outside space available. Access to the inside area is step free whilst there are a few wooden steps that lead to the outside area. The entrance door to the cafe for the museum is 103 cms wide, whilst the width of the door from the street to the cafe is 117 cms .
- Tables in the outside area are well spaced apart with a clear height from the floor of 106 cms with upright chairs with no arms. Rattan sofas and armchairs are also present.
- Tables situated in the indoor area are round with a clear height from the floor of 115 cms
- Lighting in all areas includes both natural daylight with over head lighting used.
- The flooring in the indoor area is tiled whilst the outdoor area is paved with flagstones.
- The cafe is table service
- An accessible toilet is located within the indoor area of the cafe.

Additional Information.

- Guide dogs are welcome in the Museum. Please ask the reception desk if you require a water bowl.
- Clear signage is used throughout the attraction, white letters on black background

Future Plans

- We hope to be able to introduce a lift which will allow visitors to access the first floor of the Museum complex in the near future, although we do not have a set date for this just yet.
- We are planning to review our website next year to make it more accessible.

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Hours of Operation: Open year round 9:30-17:00 (last admission 16:00) except New Year's Day, Christmas Day and Good Friday.

