

HORTA MUSEUM

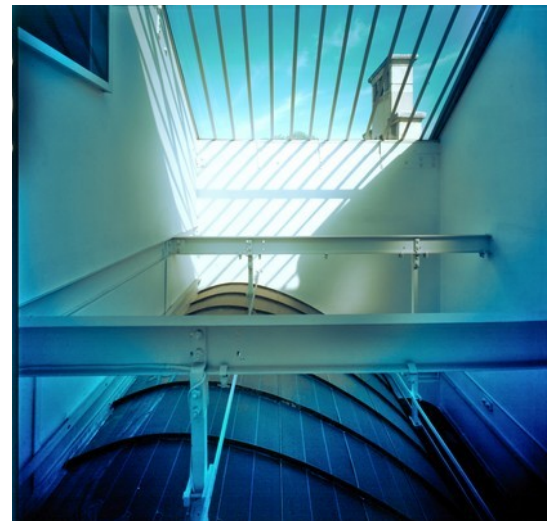
PRESS RELEASE

SERVANT'S ROOM AND ROOFLIGHT VIEW TO BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

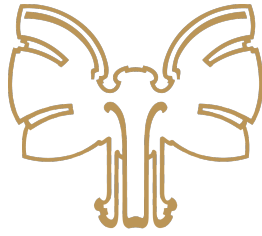
OPEN FROM 19 DECEMBER 2019



Following the opening of the sewing-room and darkroom in 2018, recreated with financial assistance from the Fonds Baillet Latour, the Horta Museum is now offering visitors the chance to discover part of the top floor of Victor Horta's private residence. One of the three servant's rooms is now open to the public and a viewpoint onto the skylights gives onlookers a clear picture of how natural light enters the two stairwells. From the landing of the service floor, visitors have sight of the skylight and the drop to the stained-glass roof-lantern below. They are also able to appreciate Horta's technique of capturing the late-afternoon light to illuminate the staircase as evening draws on.



With its simple furnishings, the servant's room contrasts sharply with the sumptuous parental bedroom, the charming mediaeval-style guest-room, and the generous accommodation reserved to Horta's daughter Simone (bedroom, boudoir, and winter garden). It is the only room in the Museum not furnished with pieces by Horta, being equipped instead with standard furniture of the time: a copper bed, a plain counterpane, a metal washstand, and an everyday Thonet-style chair. When visitors—always very keen to learn more about daily life in the house—venture up to this floor, they will be met with a decidedly workaday space that reinforces the impression of refined elegance permeating the rest of the house. Best of all, they will learn the secrets of the art of light—that element of which Horta was so fond.



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PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

The restoration of the servant's room is part of the 5-year programme 'Victor Horta's Worlds', supported since 2018 and until 2022 by the Fonds Baillet Latour.



Practical informations

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Access

Trams 81, 92, 97 (place Janson) / Bus 54

Opening times

14h to 17h30, from Tuesday to Friday inclusive.

11h to 17h3 on Saturday and Sunday.

Last admission : 17h00.

The morning is reserved for group visits.

The Horta Museum's interior comprises eleven half-storeys structured around a narrow central stairwell. As the layout is an integral feature of this listed building, we are unable to receive visitors with limited mobility.

Closed days and public holidays

Every Monday, January 1, Easter Sunday, May 1,
Ascension Day, July 21, August 15, November 1, November 11, December 25

Tarifs

Admission to the exhibition is free of charge.

the fees for the Museum visit are as follows :

Adults – 10.00 €

Students (aged 18 and over) – 5.00 €

Senior citizens, jobseekers (Belgian nationals only) and residents of Saint-Gilles- 6.00 €

Primary and secondary schoolchildren, children aged from 6 to 18 – 3.00 €

Article 27 – 1.25 €

ICOM and OKV cardholders, members of the press, people with disabilities - admission free.



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