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# Palaeo-Christian Necropolis and Museum

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View of the Palaeo-Christian necropolis of Tarragona, preserved *in situ*.

The Palaeo-Christian necropolis in Tarragona was discovered in 1923 and forms part of the historical development of the largest of Tarragona's outlying districts, near the final stretch of the river Tulcis (Francolí).

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The remains open to the public include a residential sector (a suburban *domus* and a productive area) and part of the extensive graveyard of this necropolis. This is supplemented by an interpretation centre which focuses on Roman attitudes to death and the question of burials in Tarraco, exhibiting the most significant findings from the excavations.

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Research dates the necropolis back to between the 3rd and 5th centuries AD and associates it with the worship of the early martyrs Fructuosus, Augurius and Eulogius, who were burned in the amphitheatre arena in 259. A basilica was built in their honour at the necropolis in the 5th century.

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Knowledge and conservation of the necropolis is thanks basically to the work and tenacity of Mn. Serra i Vilaró.

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# Tour and Exhibitions

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## Tour

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The world of death



The Palaeo-Christian  
necropolis



Francolí Early Christian  
Complex, the Basilica

# Objects

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Head of Attis



Fragment of an Inscription



The Lions' Sarcophagus



Sarcophagus of the Teacher



Tombstone



Articulated ivory doll



Òptim's tombstone



Central plan Mausoleum



The Early Christian  
Necropolis and the Basilica  
Cemetery



Mausoleum with Crypt, 4th –  
5th centuries AD



The Excavations undertaken  
by Joan Serra i Vilaró and  
the Early Christian Museum



The Road and the Suburban  
Domus of the Parc Central  
Site

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# Information and Map

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## Contact information

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## Schedules and guided tours

January, February, November and December: weekdays from 9.30 am to 1:30 pm and from 3 pm to 5:30 pm; Sundays and holidays from 10 am to 2 pm

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March, April, May and October: weekdays from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm and from 3 pm to 6 pm; Sundays and holidays from 10 am to 2 pm

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June, July, August and September: weekdays from 10 am to 1.30 pm and from 4 pm to 8 pm; Sundays and holidays from 10 am to 2 pm

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Closed on Mondays

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Closed on the January 1st, May 1st and December 25th and 26th, August 19th and September 23rd



## Rates

**General admission:** €4,00 (\*)

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**Reduced rate:** €2,00

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- 65 years of age and over
- Pensioners
- Carnet jove (Youth Card) holders
- Students with an International Student Card
- Single-parent or large-family cardholders
- Non-tour groups of 10 or more people with prior reservation.

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**Free admission:**

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- Minors under 16 years of age
- Unemployed
- ICOM (International Council of Museums) or ICOMOS (International Council of Monuments) members duly accredited
- Members of the Associació de Museòlegs de Catalunya, duly accredited
- Those professional tour guides, duly accredited
- Teachers of formal education accredited by the management of the school
- Members of the press duly accredited, in the exercise of their work, with previous written notice
- Disabled persons, with a certificate of disability. Companion will also have free admission if the card certifies the individual requires accompaniment
- Foster families duly accredited
- Student groups with their teacher having made previous arrangements
- First Sunday of the month from October to June

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**MNAT Ticket:** €7

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Combined rate that includes the visit to the following sites: Tíngladi 4, Tarragona Palaeo-Christian Museum and Necropolis, the Roman Villa of els Muntis and the Centcelles Archaeological Monumental Complex

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(\*) Admission fee includes visit to the Archaeological Museum and the Palaeo-Christian Museum and Necropolis

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