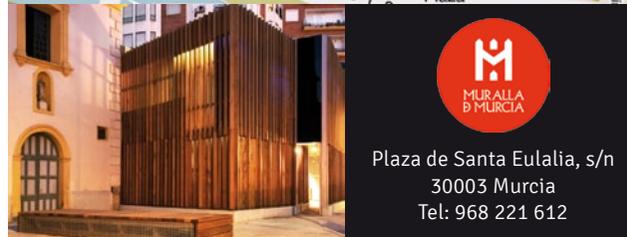


The first walls of Murcia were constructed not long after the year 825 AD, when the city was founded. This primitive enclosure, built from rammed earth, was replaced some time in the 12th century by a more solid structure made from concrete. The new wall was reinforced with towers and by a second lower defensive line, known as a ravelin, or outwork, in front of which ran a moat.



After the Castilian conquest in the mid-13th century, this complex defensive system remained in use and was the object of periodic repair work, such as the monumental bent entrance that was built at the beginning of the 15th century at Santa Eulalia. Towards the end of that century, with the conquest of the kingdom of Granada and the unification of the crowns of Aragon and Castile, the danger which had justified their existence passed and the walls became an obstacle to the city's development, so that gradually they began to disappear. As a result, by the 19th century the last gates that remained standing were finally demolished, and towards the end of the 20th century archaeologists began work to recover Murcia's defences.

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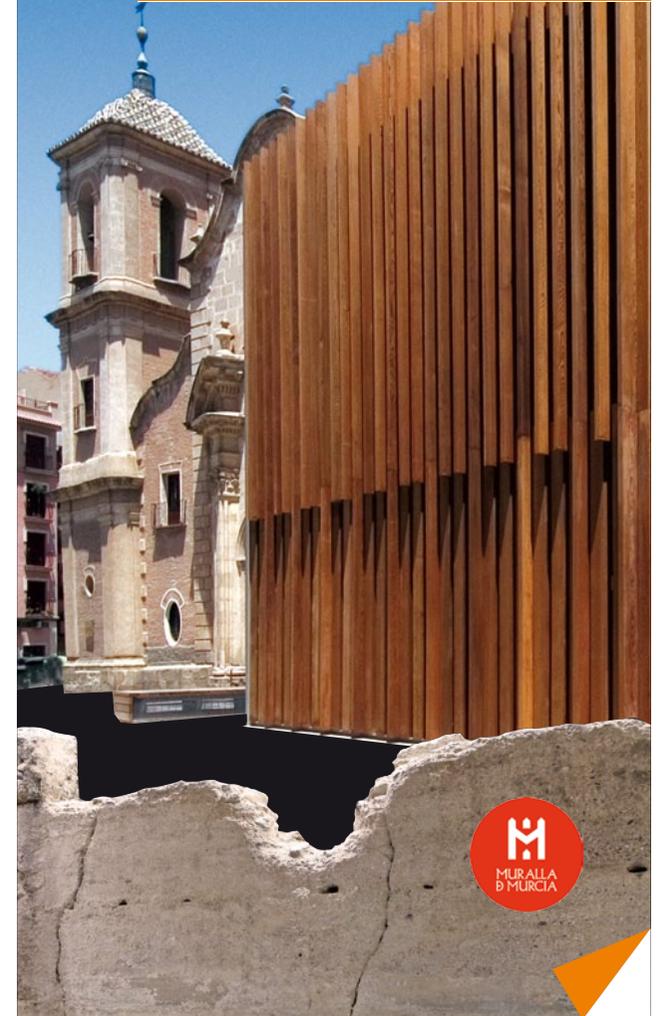


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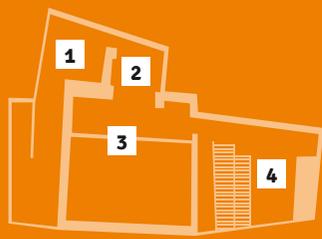
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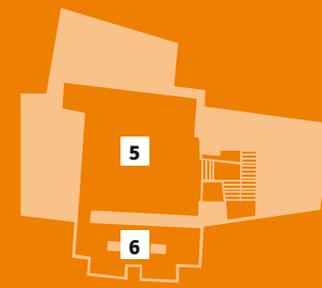
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The VISITORS' CENTRE is a new construction built from wood, steel and glass in which the main design criteria, in both architectural and museological terms, are based upon respect for the important archaeological remains housed in the interior.



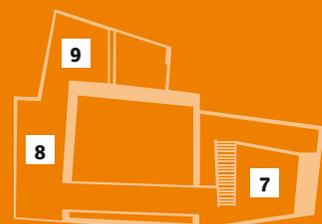
GROUND FLOOR

- 1 Early history
- 2 The names of the walls
- 3 The great cube
- 4 The objects and arrows



BASEMENT

- 5 The 12th century wall
- 6 The outwork



FIRST FLOOR

- 7 How it was built
- 8 The wall and the city
- 9 The wall today



The visitors' centre accommodates a section of the medieval wall that once surrounded the city of Murcia, as well as one of the gates used for centuries to access the city: the Santa Eulalia gate.

Through a modern museum installation, we will learn about some of the most important characters and events in the history of the city, as well as the technical and construction characteristics of its wall.



In addition to observing the remains of the defensive constructions, we will look at the urban evolution of Murcia from its foundation in the year 825, and the transformations undergone by the wall throughout its history.

We will also study the original layout of the walled perimeter and see those preserved sections that have been rescued by archaeologists and which can now be visited.

