

Family Forum at the Getty Villa

Malibu, CA



Ancient art comes to life

The Family Forum in the Getty Villa is a Roman-style villa that houses the J. Paul Getty Museum's collection of Greek, Roman and Etruscan art. The museum wanted to create a hands-on discovery space for family learning in an art gallery setting.

In the Family Forum visitors can explore the world of ancient Greek vases—how they were made, decorated and used—in an informal and tactile way. AldrichPears' knowledge and experience with a range of family-focused facilities informed the design. The emphasis is on fun, engaging and intuitive hands-on exhibits that encourage shared learning and play.

APA collaborated with Getty's education, conservation, curatorial and design departments. With their support, APA established and realized the vision for this family-oriented room. APA designed the space, providing preliminary concept design, thematic structures and content development.

