Family Forum at the Getty Villa

Malibu, CA



Ancient Art Comes to Life

The Family Forum is in the Getty Villa—a Romanstyle 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 its art gallery setting.

APA collaborated with the Getty's education, conservation, curatorial and design departments to envision the family-oriented room. APA designed the Family Forum's space so visitors can explore the world of ancient Greek vases—how they were made, decorated and used—in an informal and tactile way. The family-focused facility has an emphasis on fun, engaging and intuitive hands-on exhibits that encourage shared learning and play.

