

'THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO PARK GÜELL'

Gaudí's great development project in Barcelona, described in a visual and entertaining way

Dos de Arte Ediciones, an editorial specialized in art and architecture, presents the 'Complete Guide to Park Güell', a book that describes Antoni Gaudí's and his patron's great development project in a visual, detailed, practical and user-friendly style.

What is today the most visited park in Barcelona was at the beginning a development project that commenced in the early 20th century and which was far away from the hubbub of the city centre, on a hill slope directly facing the sea. The design, which was inspired by the garden cities springing up in England during the same period in a bid to get back to nature, failed as a development project, but allowed Gaudí to devise with great freedom all the common spaces of the incomplete urbanization, leaving the city with a great space measuring fifteen hectares in which architecture and nature blend together and complement each other to perfection.

The 'Complete Guide to Park Güell' explains the origins of the project and the causes of its failure as a business venture, before analysing in detail the entire park area, section by section: the main entrance, flanked by two buildings that lead directly into an imaginative world; the stairway, with the famous dragon made of 'trencadís'; the market place, inspired by Doric temples; the large square and its serpentine bench, a masterpiece of form and colour; the routes, whose viaducts with tilted columns get over the substantial drops in land; and the Gaudí House Museum, one of the two properties that ended up being built out of a possible sixty that made up the project.

The almost squared-shaped format of the Guide provides for large-sized photographs combined with the easy-to-use and handy size of the book. The work incorporates more than 200 images in its 48 pages, including general photos that show an overall view of Gaudí's architecture in a natural garden context with close-up images to appreciate the decorative details that the actual architect designed and the constructive techniques he employed.

Moreover, the 'Complete Guide to Park Güell' includes numerous graphics, plans and illustrations to provide a better understanding of this magnificent work of World Heritage interest, along with enjoyable and concise texts that complement the images and which prove useful to the art lover or the specialist in architecture.

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