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The Getty Villa

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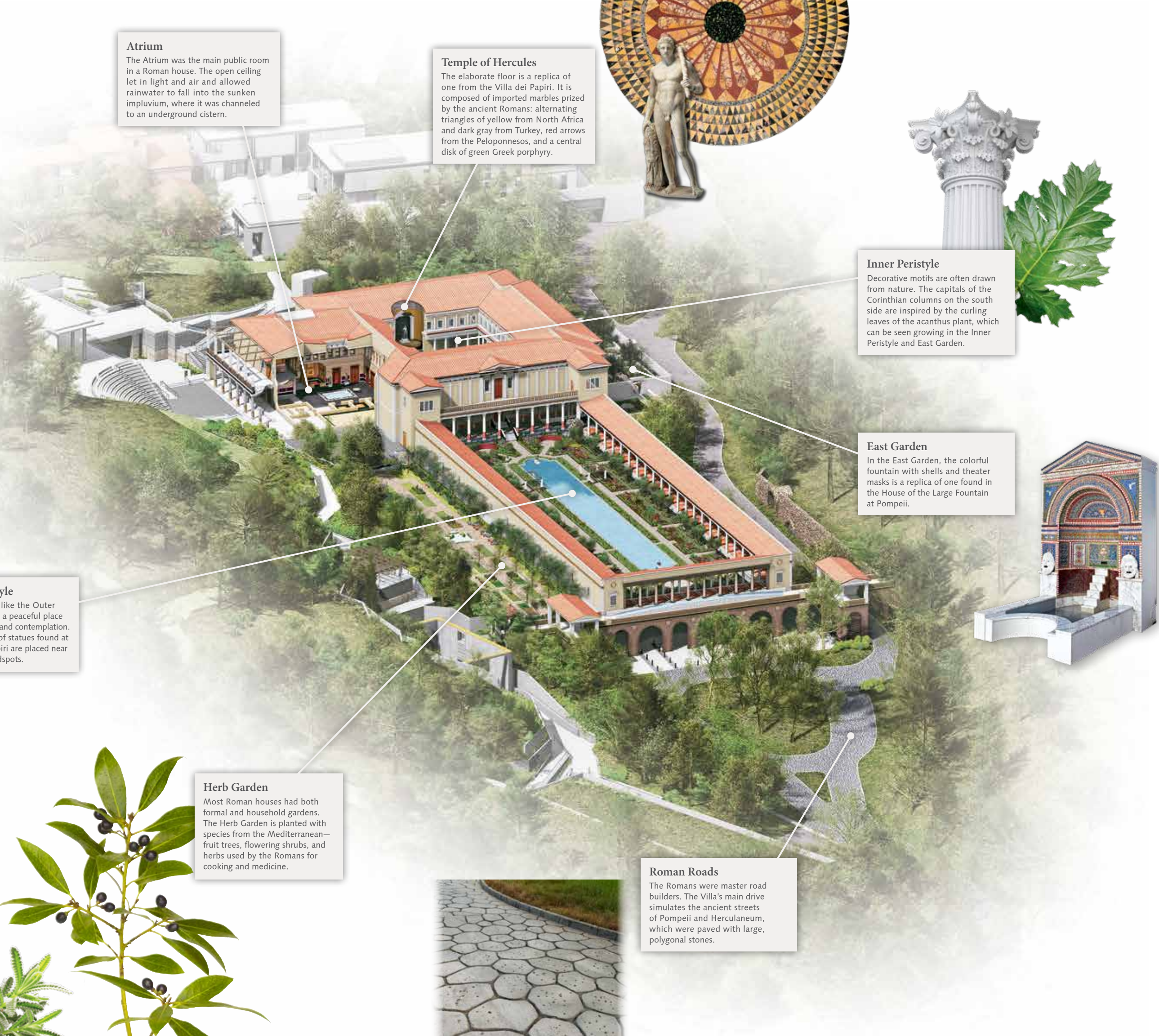
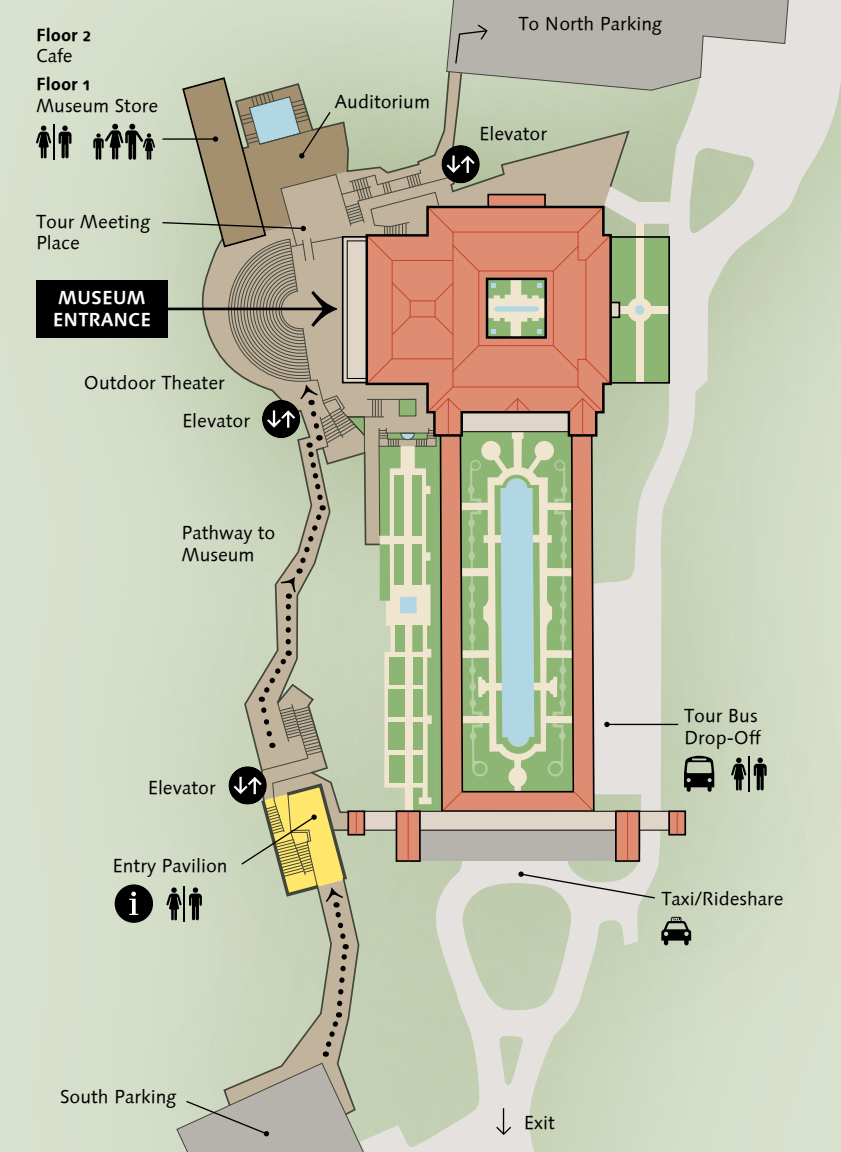


The Villa dei Papiri Reimagined

J. Paul Getty wanted visitors to experience Greek and Roman art in a setting that would bring the objects to life. He decided to build a new museum on his property overlooking the Pacific, a site that closely resembles the ancient Mediterranean coast.

The resulting Getty Villa was modeled on the Roman Villa dei Papiri, a grand country residence on the Bay of Naples that was buried by the volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79. Most of the Villa is still underground, but Getty's architects adapted a plan of the exposed part drawn by 18th-century excavators and incorporated details from other ancient houses in nearby Pompeii and Herculaneum to realize his vision.

The Getty Villa, which opened in 1974, embodies Getty's love for classical art and architecture. Today the museum provides an enduring home for his collection, evoking ancient spaces filled with art, fountains, and aromatic gardens.



Atrium
The Atrium was the main public room in a Roman house. The open ceiling let in light and air and allowed rainwater to fall into the sunken impluvium, where it was channeled to an underground cistern.

Temple of Hercules
The elaborate floor is a replica of one from the Villa dei Papiri. It is composed of imported marbles prized by the ancient Romans: alternating triangles of yellow from North Africa and dark gray from Turkey, red arrows from the Peloponnese, and a central disk of green Greek porphyry.

Inner Peristyle
Decorative motifs are often drawn from nature. The capitals of the Corinthian columns on the south side are inspired by the curling leaves of the acanthus plant, which can be seen growing in the Inner Peristyle and East Garden.

East Garden
In the East Garden, the colorful fountain with shells and theater masks is a replica of one found in the House of the Large Fountain at Pompeii.

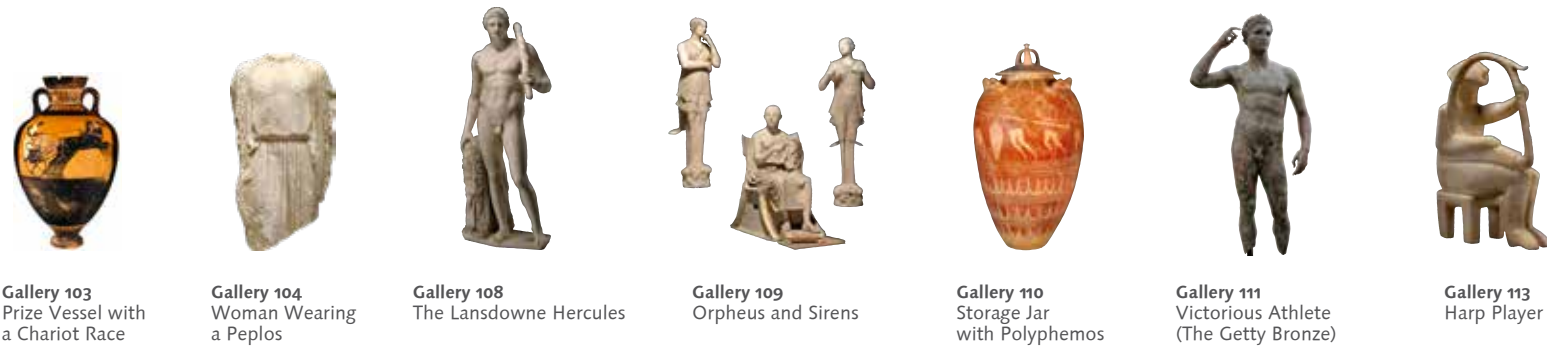
Outer Peristyle
Formal gardens like the Outer Peristyle offered a peaceful place for conversation and contemplation. Bronze replicas of statues found at the Villa dei Papiri are placed near their ancient findspots.

Herb Garden
Most Roman houses had both formal and household gardens. The Herb Garden is planted with species from the Mediterranean—fruit trees, flowering shrubs, and herbs used by the Romans for cooking and medicine.

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The Romans were master road builders. The Villa's main drive simulates the ancient streets of Pompeii and Herculaneum, which were paved with large, polygonal stones.



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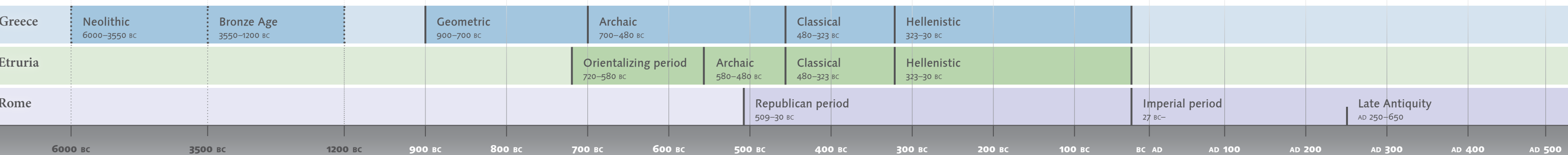
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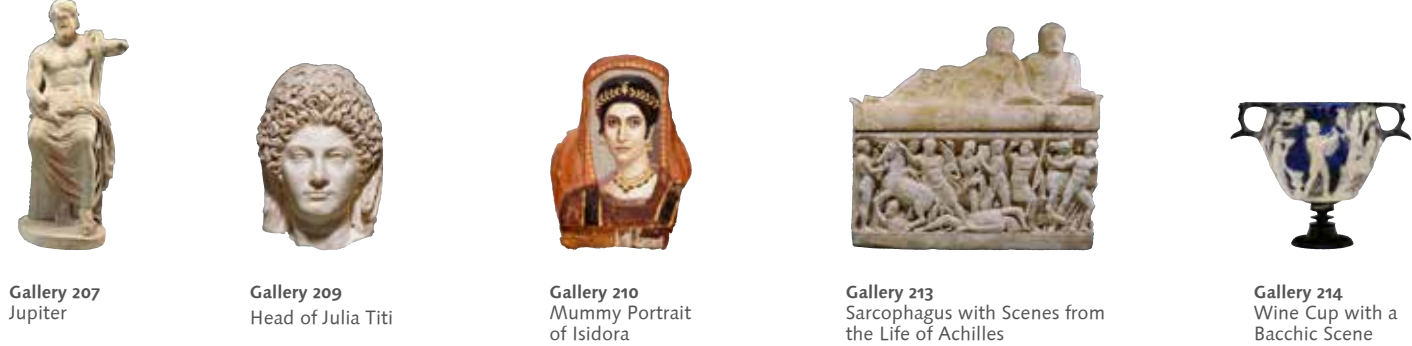
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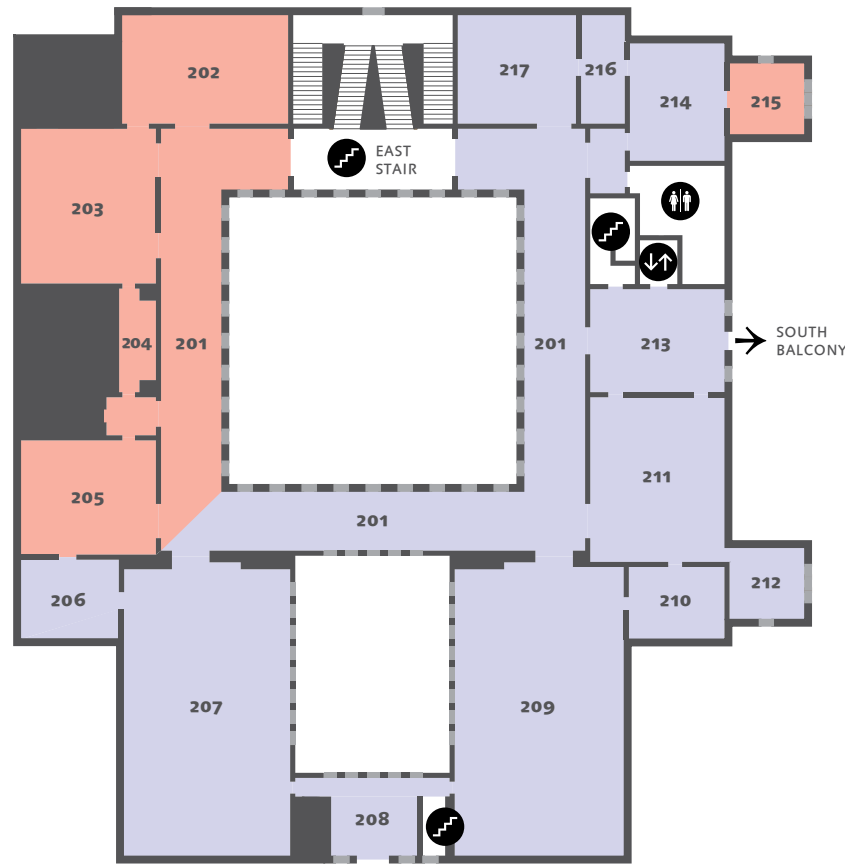


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