

## PRE-COLUMBIAN HISTORY

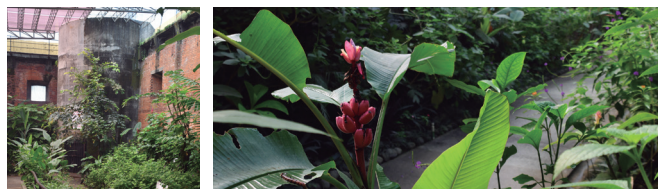
### *Permanent Archaeology Exhibition*

This room is a chronological tour starting at the arrival of the first settler to our country, approximately 13000 years ago, until the contact with the Spanish in the 16th century. You may observe objects elaborated with clay, stone, gold, jade and bone; they show the social-political, economic and religious changes experienced by pre-Columbian societies.



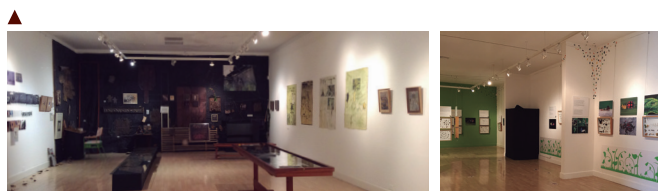
## NATURAL HISTORY

The Museum gardens represent the diversity of ecosystems of the Central Valley.



## TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS

The National Museum has different exhibition spaces dedicated for projects of artistic, documentary and historical nature: South room, Jail Cells and Commander Mansions.



# NATIONAL MUSEUM OF COSTA RICA



## Schedule

Tuesday - Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Address

Between central and second avenue,  
Democracy Plaza; San José, Costa Rica

**Telephone nº:** 2211-5700

## E-mail

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## Web portals

Learn about the National Museum's activities  
and collections at: [www.museocostarica.go.cr](http://www.museocostarica.go.cr)

Everything about the chiefdom sites with stone  
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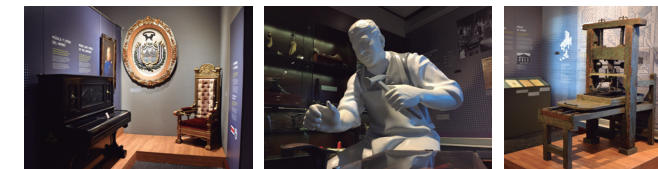
MAP AND INFORMATION | ENGLISH

**We welcome you** to the National Museum of Costa Rica, institution devoted to the study and exhibition of natural history, archaeological, historical, and artistic collections since 1887. The building housing it is the former Cuartel Bellavista; it was the main headquarters of Costa Rica's army until 1948.

## HISTORY OF COSTA RICA (16th to 21st centuries)

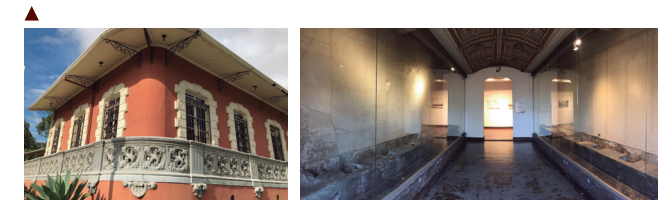
### *Permanent Exhibition*

This exhibition shows the main economic, political, social and cultural events of Costa Rica, from the time of contact and conquest of the national territory to the present.



## Mansions of the Commanders

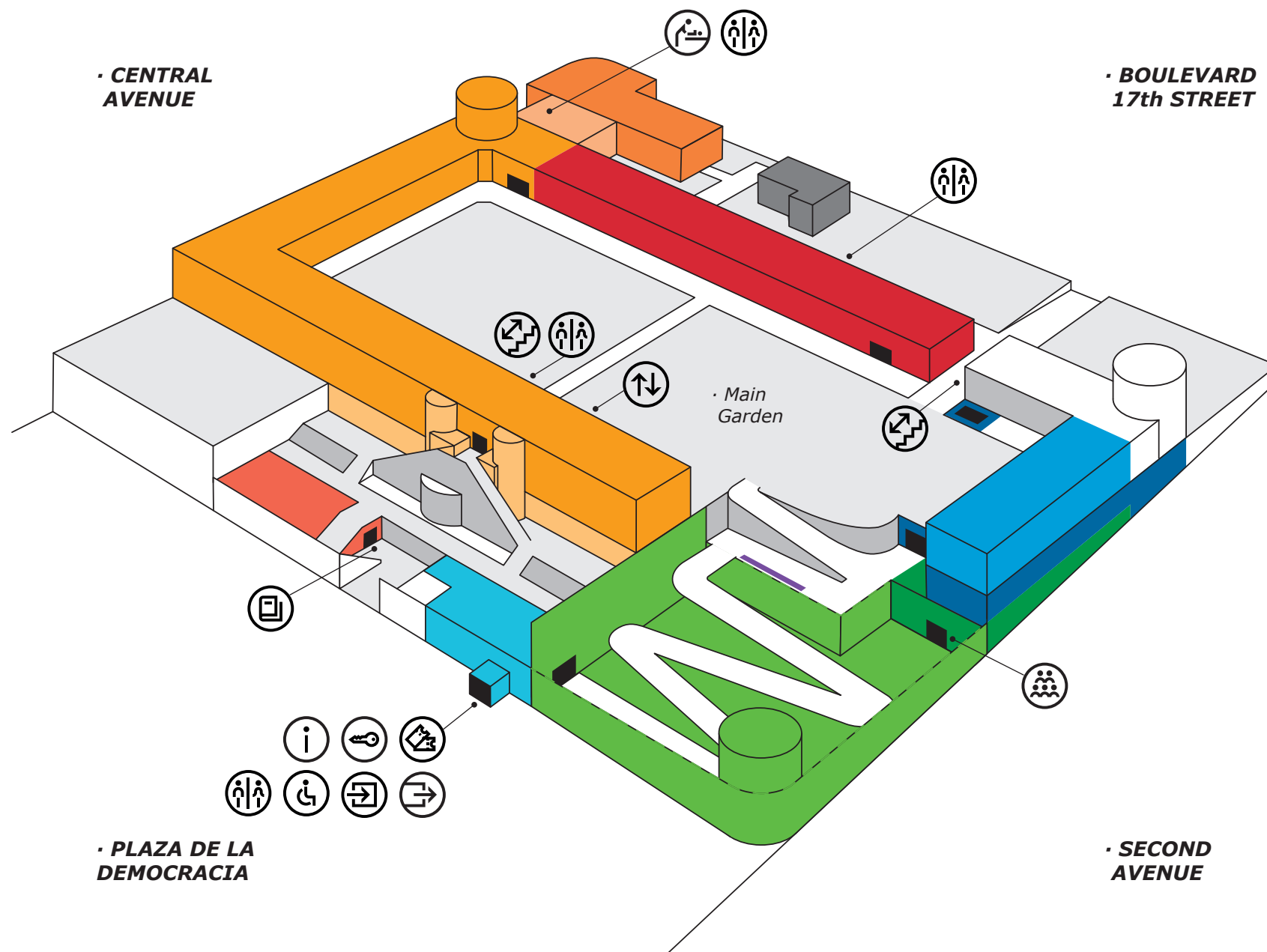
In these houses, built between the late 19th and early 20th centuries, lived the first and second commanders of the Costa Rican army.



## Jail Cells

They were formerly the Bellavista Headquarters' cells. In them you may notice the graffiti made by prisoners of the 1940's. You may also observe the spaces of the showers, and bathrooms and the inner part of the tower.





## DISTRIBUTION

- Ticket office
- Entrance garden
- Auditorium
- Jail Cells
- Temporary Exhibitions Room
- Pre-Columbian History Room
- Nursing room and WC
- Mansions of the Commanders
- History of Costa Rica Room
- Library
- Wall where the iconic hammer blow was given, meaning the army's abolition
- Offices

## SYMBOLOLOGY

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|--|---------------|--|--------------|
|  | Entrance      |  | Auditorium   |
|  | Exit          |  | WC           |
|  | Ticket office |  | Nursing room |
|  | Wardrobe      |  | Information  |
|  | Elevator      |  | Library      |
|  | Stairs        |  |              |
|  | Audio guide   |  |              |



For more information about the National Museum's history and the Bellavista Headquarters in audio format, scan the QR code with your smartphone. (2 min 44 sec).

## SERVICES

- Wifi:** The building has free internet access, from the network *visitas*.
- Accessibility:** The building has ramps and a lift giving access to one of the restroom areas. You may request a wheelchair at the front desk, in case of needing it.
- Library:** Specialized information unit in History, Anthropology and Natural History, with emphasis on the Museum's research areas. Opening Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Online Library: [biblioteca.museocostarica.go.cr](http://biblioteca.museocostarica.go.cr)

**Guided visits:** Visit of organized groups, groups of students and senior adults with prior appointment. Consults to email: [visitas@museocostarica.go.cr](mailto:visitas@museocostarica.go.cr)

**Events:** You may obtain further information of our activities in social networks or the museum's newsletter.

## HOUSE RULES

- No smoking
- No weapons or dangerous objects
- No flash
- No food allowed in the exhibition rooms
- No pets allowed