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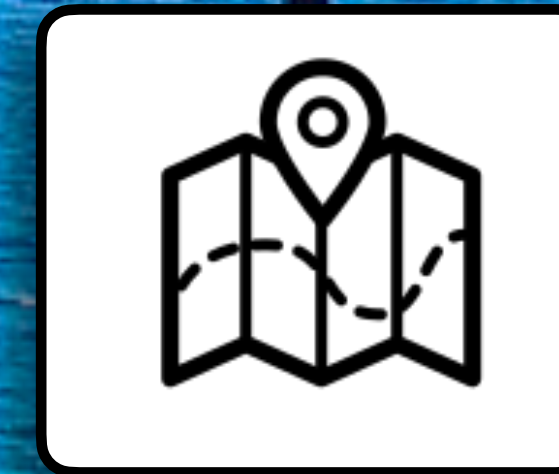
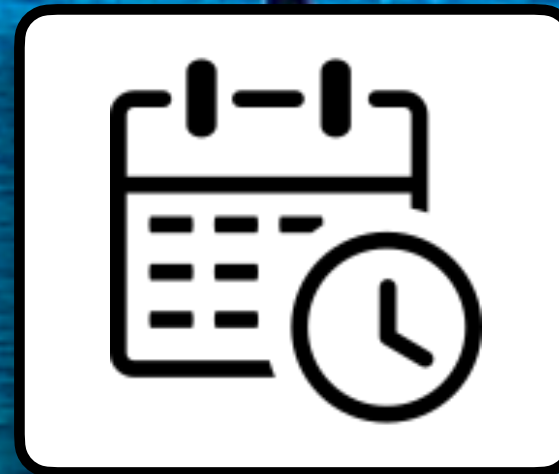
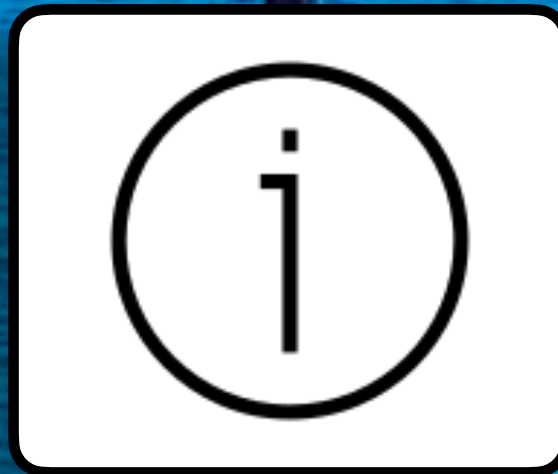
Telling Environmental Archaeology Stories

Tarragona, 24-26 November 2023

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GENERAL INFORMATION

43rd Conference of the Association of Environmental Archaeology:
“Telling Environmental Archaeology Stories”

- **Dates:** 24-26 November 2023
- **Host institution:** Catalan Institute of Classical Archaeology (ICAC), Tarragona.
- **Location:** Palau Firal i de Congressos de Tarragona
c/ Arquitecte Rovira, 2, 43001 Tarragona
- **Organisers:** Landscape Archaeology Research Group (GIAP): Giannis Apostolou, Theoni Baniou, Lídia Colominas, Charlotte Diffey, Maria Ferrer, Abel Gallego, Darío Herranz, Alexandra Eleftheria Kriti, Alexandra Livarda, Alfredo Mayoral, Hèctor A. Orengo, Valentina Pescini, Federica Riso, Laura Strolin & Patricia Vadorpe
- **Conference page:** <https://bit.ly/AEA2023Tgn>
- **Call for papers (deadline 31 July):** <https://bit.ly/abstractsAEA2023>
- **Registration (deadline 31 October):** <https://bit.ly/RegistrationAEA2023>

General queries about the conference can be addressed to:
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PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday 24th Nov (16-20 h)

- Registration and opening session
- Wine reception

Saturday 25th Nov (08- c. 20h)

- Registration and full-day conference including the AGM (AEA Annual Meeting)
- Gala dinner (prior registration required)

Sunday 26th Nov (08-14h)

- Morning sessions and closing of the conference
- Afternoon: free-of-charge historical guided tour to discover Tarragona's past (prior registration required)

ABSTRACT

The title for the conference is **Telling Environmental Archaeology Stories**, which aims to explore the contributions of environmental archaeology in creating history and how our research has helped explain and interpret the past.

The interpretation of sites, soils, stratigraphies, cultural artifacts, and bioarchaeological remains using archaeological methods provides a rich source of material to investigate past behaviours and ultimately explain the human stories behind scientific data. The increasing interdisciplinarity and the development of new methodologies to treat archaeological primary data have opened new possibilities to deepen our interpretations and go one step further in understanding our cultural heritage.

This conference seeks to explore the contributions of environmental archaeology to these 'stories' of the past. The aim will be to move the focus away from the data, techniques, and methodological advances to the narrative, to explore how our research has helped explain and interpret the past and which are our key contributions in creating history.

Greater engagement in theoretical debates and approaches has further contributed to a multivocality and a proliferation of narratives that entangle different scales of analysis to explain the past. Environmental archaeology has made great strides, moving on from the 'appendix' of site reports listing species to occupying an important role and shedding light from different angles on key archaeological questions.

Another important area is the examination of effective communication strategies of our stories and research achievements to colleagues of other academic fields and the public and how these can contribute real impact on modern society through either a better understanding of the past or lessons and practical guidance for the future.



LOCATION & ACCOMMODATION

Location of the conference

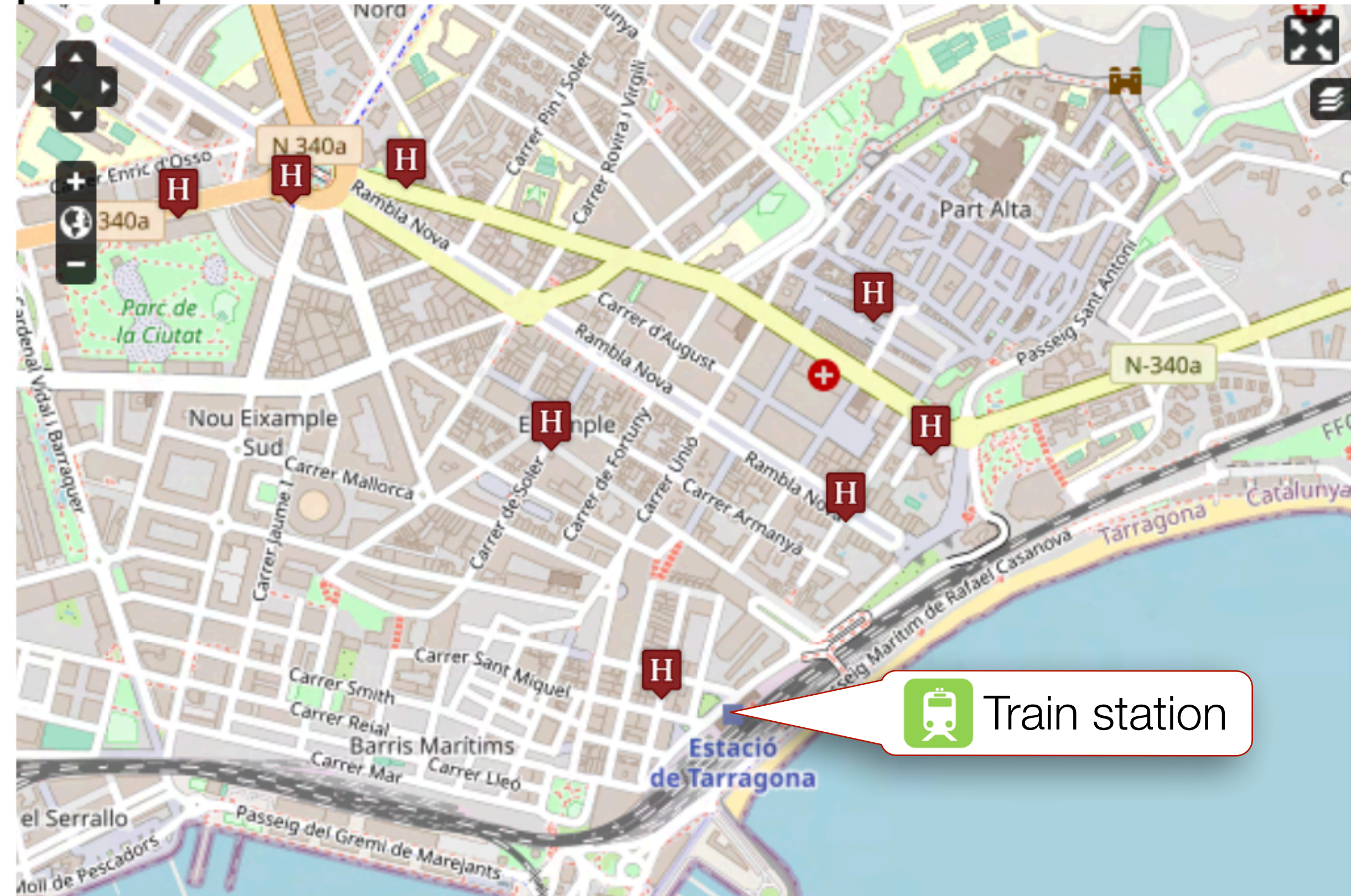


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Palau Firal i de Congressos de Tarragona



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HOW TO REACH TARRAGONA

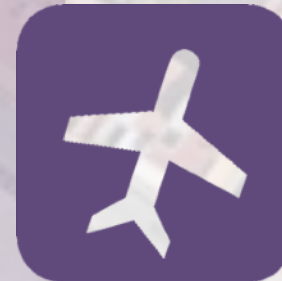
BARCELONA AIRPORT

Barcelona El Prat Airport, located just 82 kilometres from Tarragona, offers daily flights to domestic destinations (including all the regional capitals) and international destinations (including all EU member countries and the majority of countries in other continents). The Bus Plana service provides transportation from the airport to Tarragona in 1 hour, and by train (Renfe), with a transfer at Barcelona Sants, in 1.5 hours.



REUS AIRPORT

7 kilometers from the city is Reus Airport, which is served by nine airlines, including two low-cost carriers, connecting Tarragona with major European countries such as Belgium, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. The airport is connected to the city of Tarragona by a regular bus service operated by Hispano Igualadina, which allows travellers to reach the city in less than 25 minutes.



BY CAR

The city of Tarragona is connected by road to Barcelona via the AP-7, to Madrid, Zaragoza, and Lleida via the A-2, as well as to the three provincial capitals of the Valencian Community via the AP-7.



BY TRAIN

The city of Tarragona has two train stations. The Tarragona station, located in the city centre, connects with regional trains to Barcelona, Lleida, Reus, and Tortosa, as well as national trains to Andalusia, Madrid, and Valencia. The Camp de Tarragona station, located 11 kilometres from the capital, offers high-speed connections to cities such as Barcelona, Córdoba, Madrid, Lleida, Madrid, and Zaragoza. A regular bus service, running every 15 minutes, allows travellers to reach Tarragona in 25 minutes.



BY BUS

Tarragona also has a bus station located in the city center. Multiple companies provide connections to the main cities in the province and surrounding areas (Aragon and Valencia Autonomous Communities) as well as to other cities in Spain.



EXPLORE TARRAGONA

Tarragona is a port city located in northeast Spain by the Mediterranean Sea. Tarraco, as it was known in Roman times, provides an eloquent and unprecedented testimony to an important stage in the history of the Mediterranean in antiquity. In 2000, UNESCO declared its archaeological sites a World Heritage Site.

Tarraco was a little Rome, open to the Mediterranean and with a particularly pleasant climate, that is, a good place to live and prosper. This is still the spirit of the city today. Walking through the streets and squares of the medieval city or contemplating the horizons over the Mare Nostrum, you can relive the pleasant and beneficent city that has inspired travelers, artists & chefs. In Tarragona, history comes out of stones and books and comes to life in its people, cuisine, and landscapes.

This still holds true nowadays, with the NYTimes including **Tarragona as one of the 52 places to go in 2023**.

LINKS OF INTEREST

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