construction fact sheet

Statistics
Number of Floors: Three main levels and two intermediate levels
Full Site Area: 23,000 square meters (250,000 square feet)
Floor Area: 21,000 square meters (226,000 square feet)
Exhibition Space: 14,000 square meters (150,000 square feet)
Number of Columns in Excavations: 43
Number of Columns in Archaic Gallery: 28
Dimensions of Parthenon Gallery: 39 x 84 meters
Dimensions of the Frieze: 21 x 58 meters
Number of Glass Panels in Parthenon Gallery: 348
Total Area of Glass Panels: 1302 meters²

Materials
Structure: Reinforced concrete and steel
Glass Façade: Purified 'low iron' glass with an invisible selective UV coating and printed frit
Inner Core: Precast and cast-in-place concrete with acoustical dampening perforations
Skylights: Frosted glass panels
Railings: Glass panels with steel handrails
Floors: Beige marble for galleries; dark marble for circulation; heat strengthened, laminated safety glass with textured dots to prevent slippage
Displays: Marble pedestals, glass vitrines, and steel niches

Construction Budget
€130 million (approximately $175 million US)

Financing
Construction of the Museum is co-financed by the Hellenic Republic and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

Schedule
Competition Announced: Spring 2001
Architect Announcement: September 2001
Design Completed: August 2002
Groundbreaking: September 2003
Building Completion: September 2007
Transfer of Artifacts: September through December 2007
Limited Public Viewing of Installation: Winter 2008
Public Opening: June 20, 2009

Theater
A 250 square meter theater with 180 seats is fully equipped with projection facilities and a translation booth.

Café, Terrace, and Store
A 770 square meter restaurant opens onto a public terrace with views of the Acropolis. Shading devices designed by Bernard Tschumi Architects are subtly incorporated into the overall scheme, allowing for year-round use during the day and night. Two 125 square meter shops are located on level +0 and +2.

Landscaping
The 23,000 square meter site is landscaped with local vegetation that blends with the natural flora of the Acropolis slopes. Landscaping is designed to open up the public spaces in and around the museum and to incorporate with the neighborhood. The museum is designed especially for pedestrian visitors, which access points on the north and east sides.

Access
Parking is not provided on site, but is available nearby in the Makriyanni neighborhood. Bus dropoff is accommodated to the south of the museum on Hadjichristou street. Public transit can be accessed from the northeast corner of the block at the Acropolis stop of the Athens Metro.

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