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Interested to learn who painted the Ballroom ceiling? Curious to know where the Ringlings stored their wine during Prohibition? Would you like to see where John and Mable slept?

Take a docent-led tour!

Tour tickets may be purchased at any Admissions desk, including the admissions desk located at *Ca' d'Zan*.

Ca' d'Zan Tour

This 35-minute tour highlights the main living spaces of the first and second floors of the home. Tours available on an hourly basis; check with Admissions staff. Tickets are \$5 in addition to General Admission / Free for Members.

Private Places Tour

This exclusive 45-minute tour explores the private areas of the mansion including the third floor game room and, weather permitting, the Belvedere Tower. Tours are daily at 11:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM, 4:00 PM. Museum admission is not required to enjoy this tour. Tickets are \$20 / \$10 for Members.

To learn more about the Ringlings and their mansion, the following titles are available at the Museum Store:

Ronald McCarty, *Ca' d'Zan: Ringling's Venetian Palace* (London: Scala Publishers Ltd. in association with the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, 2010).

Aaron H. De Groft and David C. Weeks, *Ca' d'Zan: Inside the Ringling Mansion* (Sarasota, FL: The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, 2004).

The Ringling

THE JOHN & MABLE RINGLING MUSEUM OF ART
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Ca' d'Zan

guide to the mansion

Welcome to *Ca' d'Zan*—meaning the House of John in a Venetian dialect—the winter residence of John and Mable Ringling. This guide will take you through the first floor of the mansion, offering a sense of what it was like to be a guest of the couple.

Building on his success as one of the five brothers who created the Ringling Bros. Circus, John (1866–1936) invested in oil, ranching, railroads, and real estate, becoming one of the richest men in America. John believed Sarasota would become a world-class tourist destination. He and Mable (1875–1929) decided to build a new home to represent their grand vision for the area. The couple hired Dwight James Baum, an acclaimed New York architect, to create their mansion in the Venetian Gothic style. Begun in 1924 and completed by the end of 1926, the house cost \$1.5 million to construct, or approximately \$20.9 million today. The residence was the setting for lavish parties for the Ringlings' friends, family, and business associates.

The Ringlings had no children; when John died in 1936, he left the mansion and art museum to the people of Florida.

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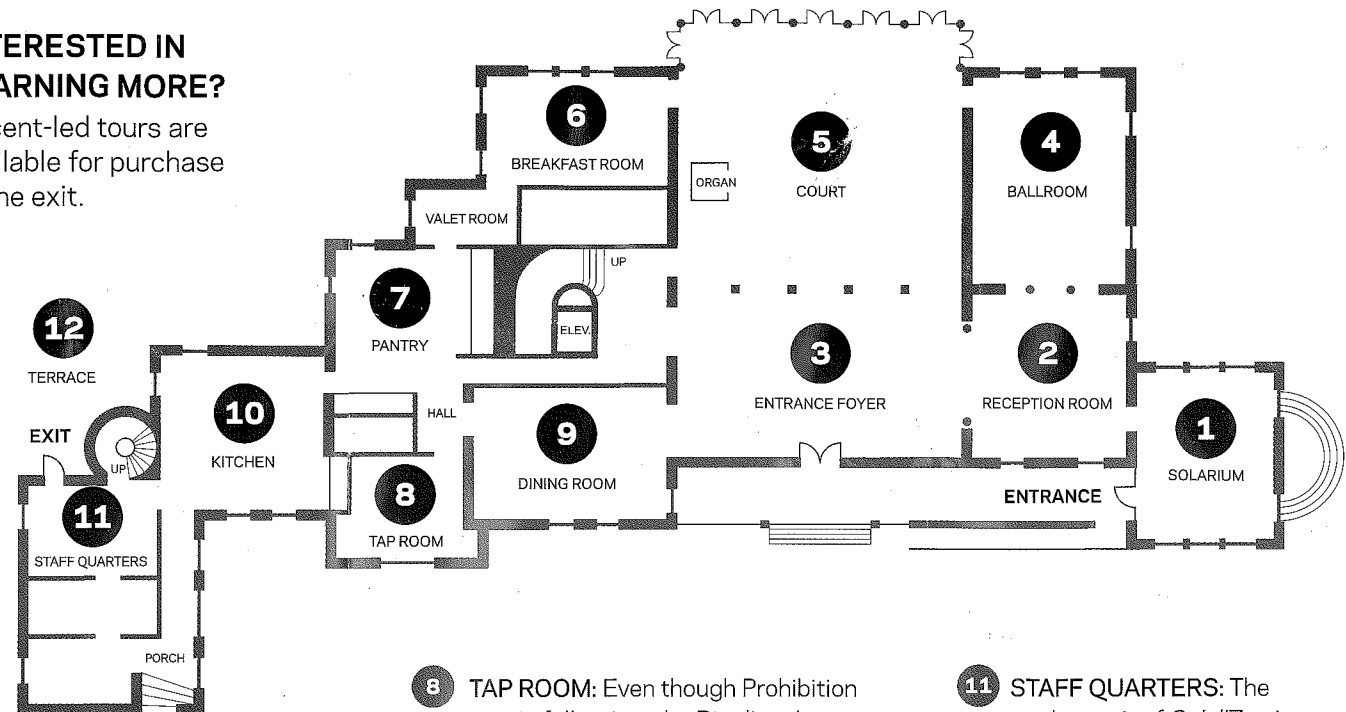
MAP AND ROOM GUIDE



First Floor of *Ca' d'Zan*

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Docent-led tours are available for purchase at the exit.



1 SOLARIUM: Originally an open porch, the solarium was as a convenient indoor retreat from the swimming pool.

2 RECEPTION ROOM: This room served as both a formal business space and an extension of the ballroom when the Ringlings entertained.

3 ENTRANCE FOYER: This was the formal entry of the house. John and Mable welcomed movie stars, politicians, circus impresarios, friends, and family, who kept the house buzzing with activity. John and Mable purchased much of the furniture at auction houses in New York.

4 BALLROOM: This room was made for dancing; if you have any doubt, look up! The focal point of the ballroom is the ceiling, which depicts whimsical dancing couples from cultures around the world. Imagine slinking across the floor while doing the tango, mirroring the couple in the southwest corner.

5 THE COURT: The court was the heart of the home. The 1892 Steinway piano and the Aeolian organ provided musical entertainment for countless social events. The beautiful crystal chandelier suspended above originally hung in the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

6 BREAKFAST ROOM: This room was used for informal dining. Its wrought iron gate may have helped to keep out the

7 VALET'S ROOM AND PANTRY: With a staff of seven, the Ringlings created several spaces specifically for their servants' use. In the Valet's pantry, the couple stored their china and silver. The pantry was also used during parties

8 TAP ROOM: Even though Prohibition was in full swing, the Ringlings' guests enjoyed a drink here before moving into the dining room for dinner.

9 DINING ROOM: The ceiling looks like hand-carved wood but is actually molded plaster! The table has a total of 20 leaves to accommodate a large number of dinner guests.

10 KITCHEN: The original green paint in the kitchen had a small amount of arsenic in it to keep pests under control. The cook would have

11 STAFF QUARTERS: The modern exit of *Ca' d'Zan* is located in what used to be the staff's dining room. The Ringlings had seven staff members who all lived and worked onsite when the couple was in residence.

12 TERRACE: Upon exiting *Ca' d'Zan*, do not forget to stop and enjoy the beautiful terrace overlooking the bay. John Ringling originally moored his 125 ft. yacht, the

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