# La Muralla Roja

**Ricardo Bofill** 

INTERDISCIPLINARY, PROJECT BASED DESIGN 1
GROUP 4



### LOCATION

The building by the architect Ricardo Bofill is located in the Urbanization La Manzanera, in the town of Calpe, the mediterranean coast of Spain. Its construction was completed in 1973 although, in the words of the architect himself, its design began ten years earlier.









La Muralla Roja, Spanish for 'The Red Wall'. The building makes clear references to the popular architecture of the Arab Mediterranean Area, a result of the architect's inspiration by the tradition, in particular to the adobe towers of North Africa. The striking colors that cover the outer and inner facades are selected to either contrast with nature or complement its purity.



Mediterranean labyrinth-like building is an impressive blend of indoor and outdoor spaces which skillfully combines corridors, open stairways and apartments as well as outdoor areas.



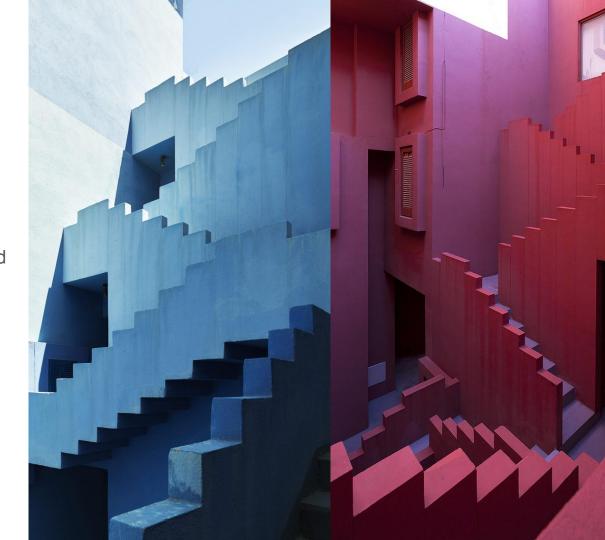


#### Color palette

Deep blue sea and Spanish blue skies

Strong contrast with the nature with red

Pale lavender and pink creating a peaceful atmosphere



## Enhanced living theme

Muralla Roja which is the combination of 50 apartments, has a rooftop pool, several roof terraces, a sauna and a solarium.





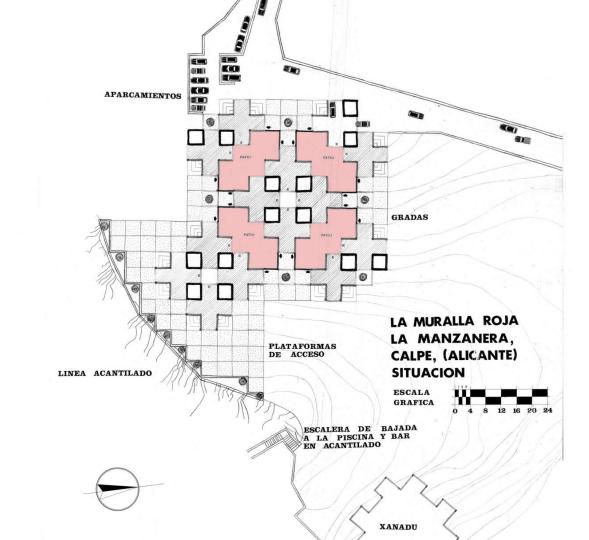
Platforms are reminiscent of an M.C. Escher image of impossible architecture



This building wants to break the post-Renaissance division between public and private spaces.

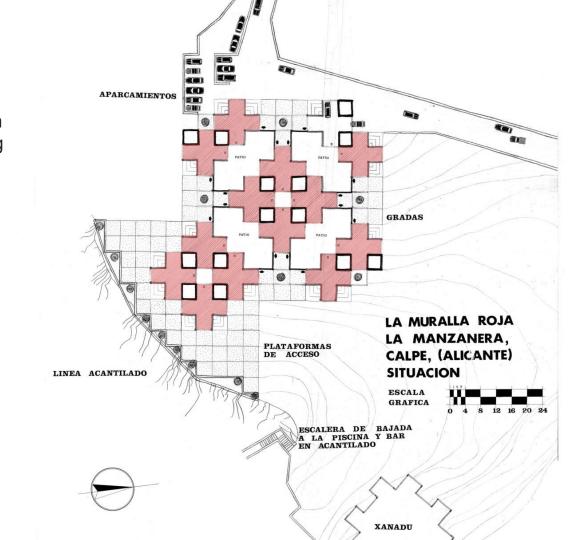
Entrance courtyard

Access to all the apartments through this patios



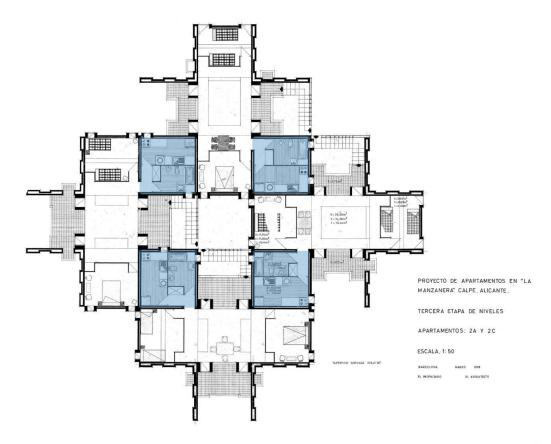
### Housing system

Geometric plan based on the typology of the Greek cross with arms 5 meters long, these being grouped in different ways



#### Service cores

Kitchen and bathrooms located in 4 central towers



#### Housing system and typologies

#### 3 typologies of apartment:

- 60 sqm (1 room)
- 80 sqm (2 rooms)
- 120 sqm ( 3 rooms)

