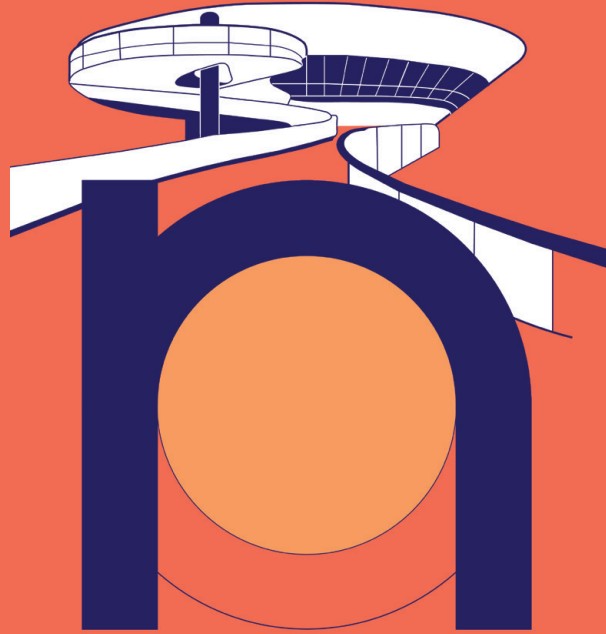




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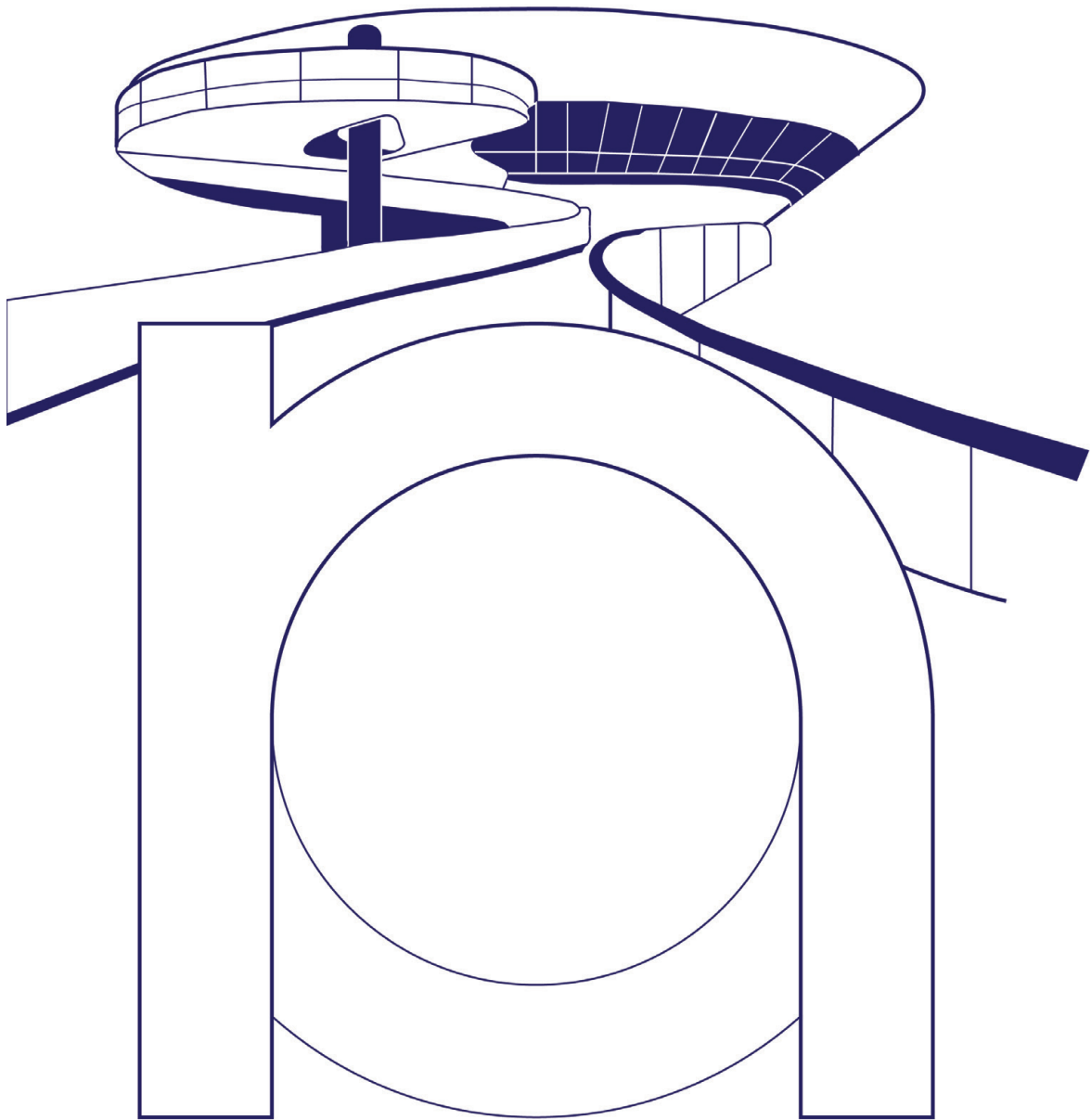


Fun Facts

1. The Niterói Contemporary Art Museum was designed by Oscar Niemeyer in Niterói, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
2. People say it resembles a space ship.
3. The museum is 16 meters high and its roof is 50 meters wide in diameter.

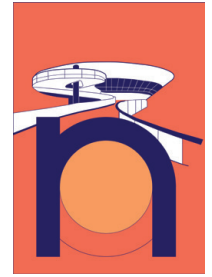


Colour me in





Niterói Museuem



“How easy it is to explain this project! I remember when I went to see the place. The sea, the mountains of Rio, a magnificent landscape that I should preserve. And I went up with the building, adopting the circular shape that, in my view, the space required. The study was ready, and a ramp taking visitors to the museum completed my project. ”
- Oscar Niemeyer (2006) at the age of 98

Water

The Niterói Contemporary Art Museum incorporates an 817 m² water mirror that is 60cm deep and creates a balance to the heavy concrete building material.

Water features heavily in architecture as a mechanism for mirroring a building's facade, to create a sense of quiet and emotion, and also as a landscaping element. Oscar Niemeyer used water in many of his designs

Image: Palácio da Justiça, Brasília by Oscar Niemeyer



Activity

Do some water investigation!

Take a walk outside after a rainy day and start to look at what you can see in a puddle's reflection. What do you notice about buildings around you that you have never noticed before?

You can also do some investigating in local parks that have lakes or ponds or even in buildings with water features.

Take your sketch book and draw or note some of the buildings you can see reflected in water.

