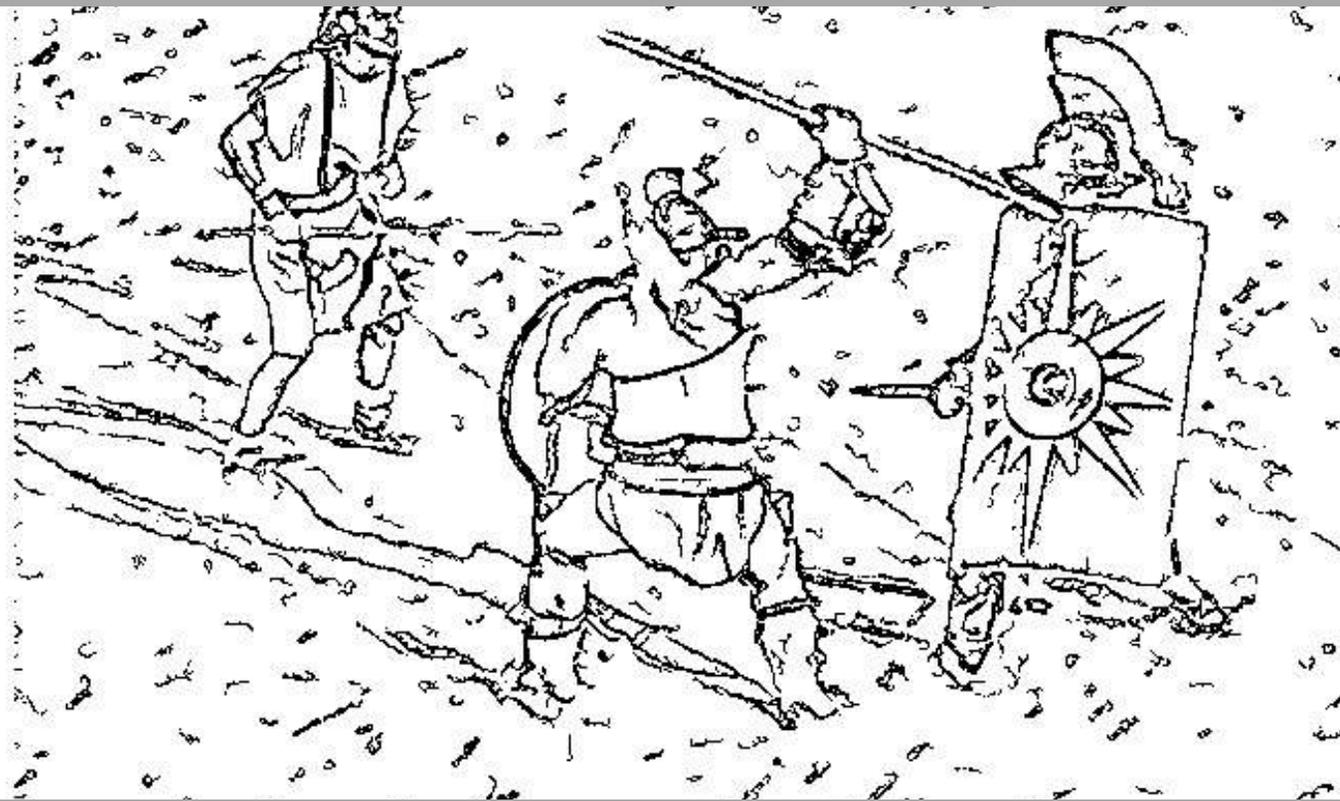
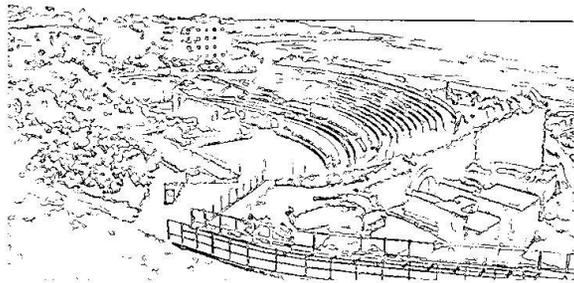


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TARRAGONA SPAIN

COLOUR & LEARN SERIES:

1. CAPGROSSOS

Tarragona is a beautiful city by the Mediterranean Sea in Catalonia, Spain. The city of Tarragona is capital of the province of the same name. In Tarragona, as well in all of Catalonia and Spain, there are lots of fiestas to enjoy. These are colourful, fun festivals that celebrate special traditions and religious occasions. They are a very important part of the culture.

The colouring page shows a big group of characters during one of these fiestas. You can see how colourful it all is. The big ones that are at the front are called Capgrossos. When translated into English this means Big Heads.

### **What are Capgrossos?**

Capgrossos were created in the year 1865 officially, although they may have been seen even earlier.

They combine giants with dwarves. A giant is an imaginary or mythical being of human form but superhuman size. A dwarf is a member of a mythical race of short, stocky human-like creatures. But there are also dwarves in real life, who have been born shorter than other people.

The people of Tarragona (Tarracones) are very proud of their Capgrossos. They take a great deal of time to design and make them, with lots of creativity and colours. The clothes of the Capgrossos are designed to be in tune with the personality of each character that is represented.

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You can colour from the photo by clicking on Capgrossos and leaving it open on your computer.  
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2. GLADIATORS

Tarragona is a beautiful city by the Mediterranean Sea in Catalonia, Spain. The city of Tarragona is capital of the province of the same name.

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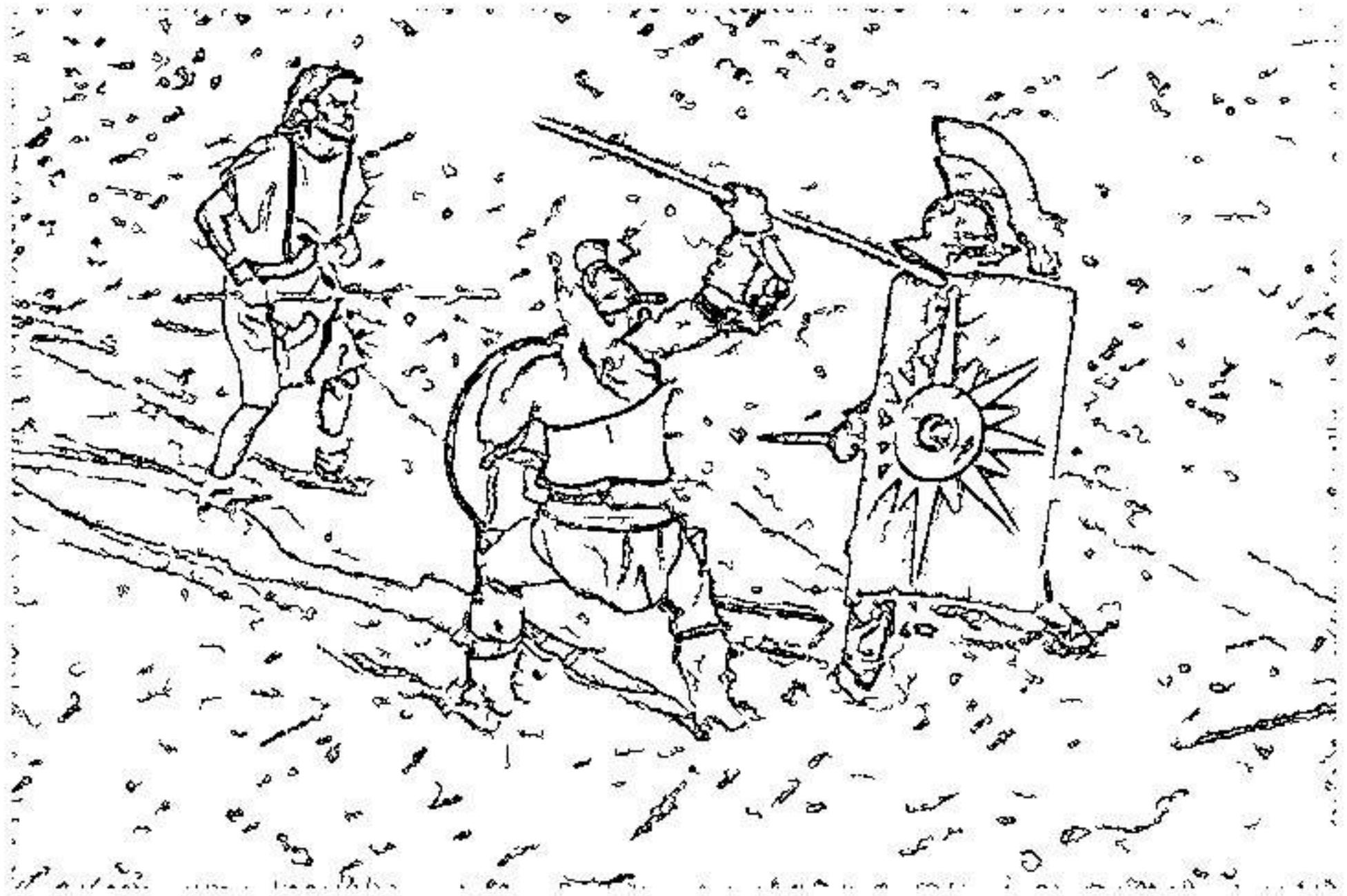
The colouring page shows gladiators fighting in the amphitheatre. Each year in Tarragona, the local authorities organise re-enactments of Roman times. So if you visit during this time, you will see people dressed up as Romans, like in this picture.

### **What is a gladiator?**

A gladiator is a person who engages in a fight. Normally gladiators used swords or other weapons when fighting. They fought in public, like in a setting such as the amphitheatre in the picture.

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3. HUMAN CASTLES

Tarragona is a beautiful city by the Mediterranean Sea in Catalonia, Spain. The city of Tarragona is capital of the province of the same name.

In both the city of Tarragona, as well as in the province, there is this amazing tradition that local people are very proud of - it is called Castellers, which means Human Castles.

The colouring page shows Human Castles just outside the beautiful Cathedral of Tarragona. Isn't it amazing - how do they do it?

What are Castellers - Human Castles?

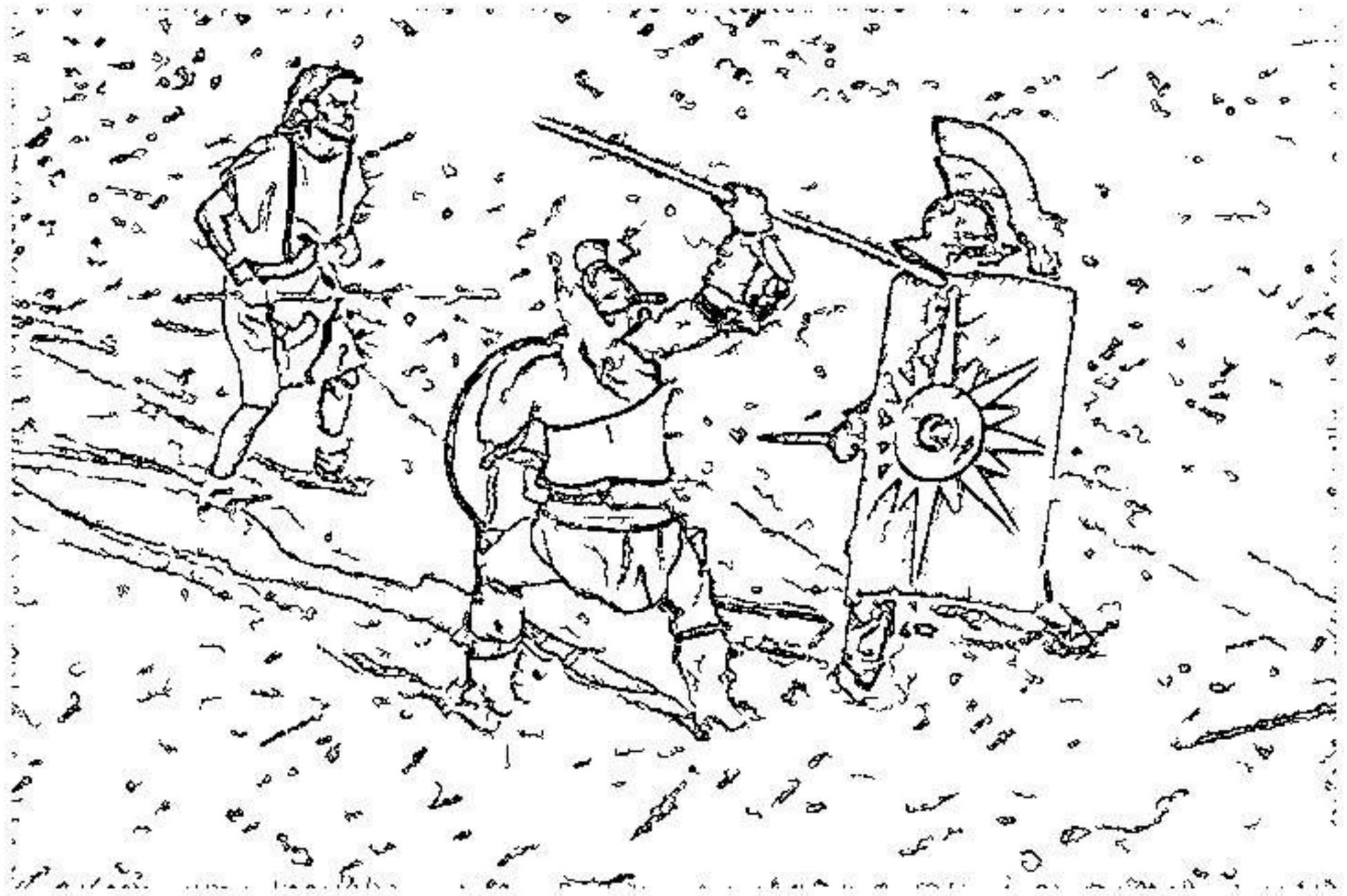
This tradition that can be traced back to the year 1712, in the town of Valls in the province of Tarragona. The practice didn't take long to spread to other places in Catalonia.

Incredibly impressive and of huge social importance nowadays in the Catalan culture, these human towers can go up to ten tiers. This means ten levels of people standing on each other.

Today across Catalonia there are more than 15,000 people in over 100 groups passionately practising this amazing tradition.

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4. TRES TOMBS ANIMALS BLESSING

During the year, Tarragona has many fiestas (festivals). Fiestas are a very important part of the culture in Tarragona, Catalonia and Spain.

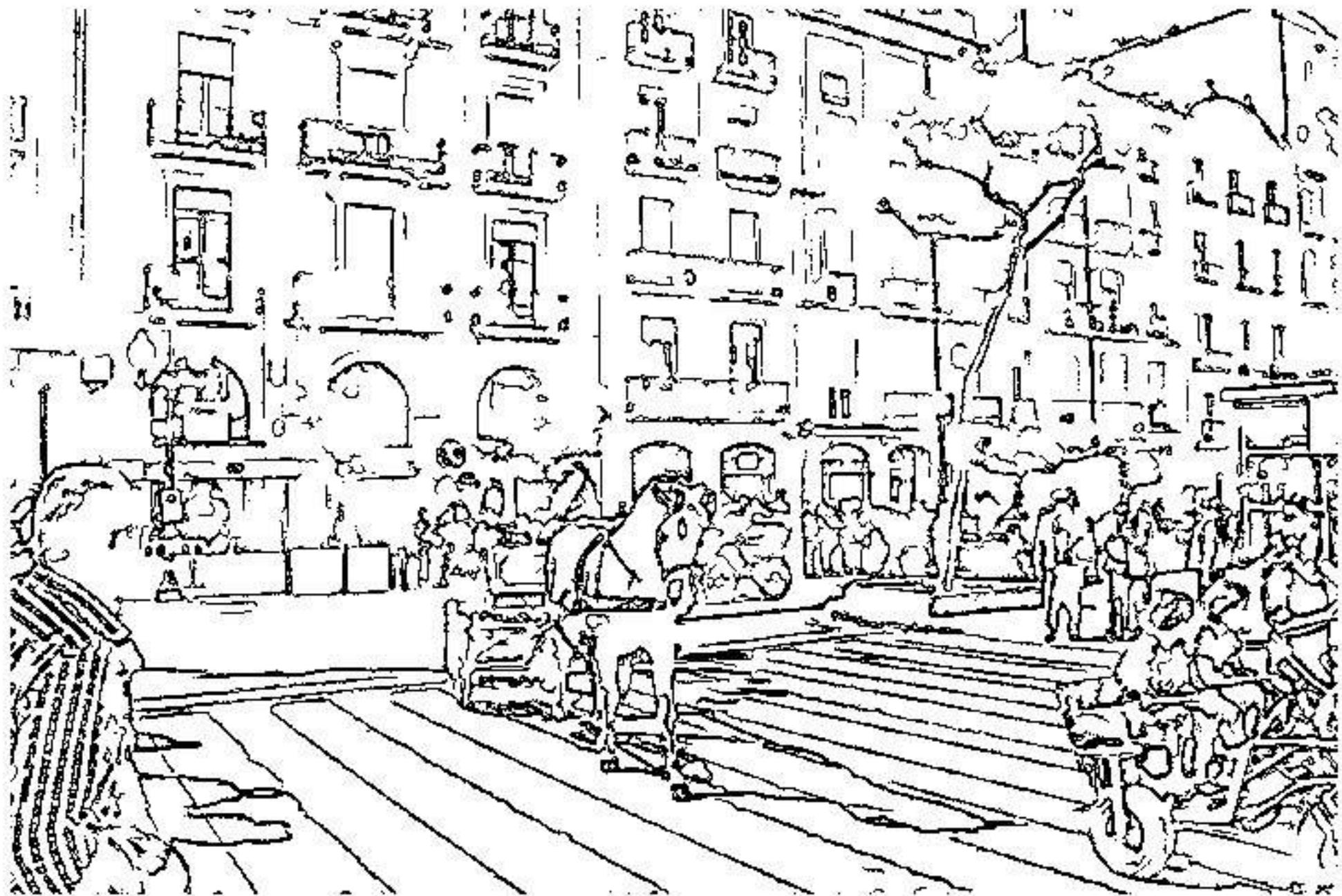
The colouring page shows part of the procession of animals and people that happens during the Tres Tombs fiesta.

### **What is Tres Tombs?**

Tres Tombs translates into Three Turns. This refers to a walk or procession that owners do three times with their animals, before getting their animals blessed for the year ahead by the local priest. The fiesta normally happens on, or near to the day of the Feast of St. Anthony, the patron saint of animals, on 17th January. In Tarragona, it is celebrated in March - in 2018, it was 11th March.

This fiesta was originally for the farm animals. It was important to have the blessing to help keep them strong and healthy. These days people also bring their pets. You can see dogs, cats, birds, iguanas and all sorts of pets, depending on who goes to the fiesta..

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5. UNESCO

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The colouring page shows the Roman amphitheatre by the beautiful Mediterranean Sea.

### **What is an amphitheatre & what is UNESCO?**

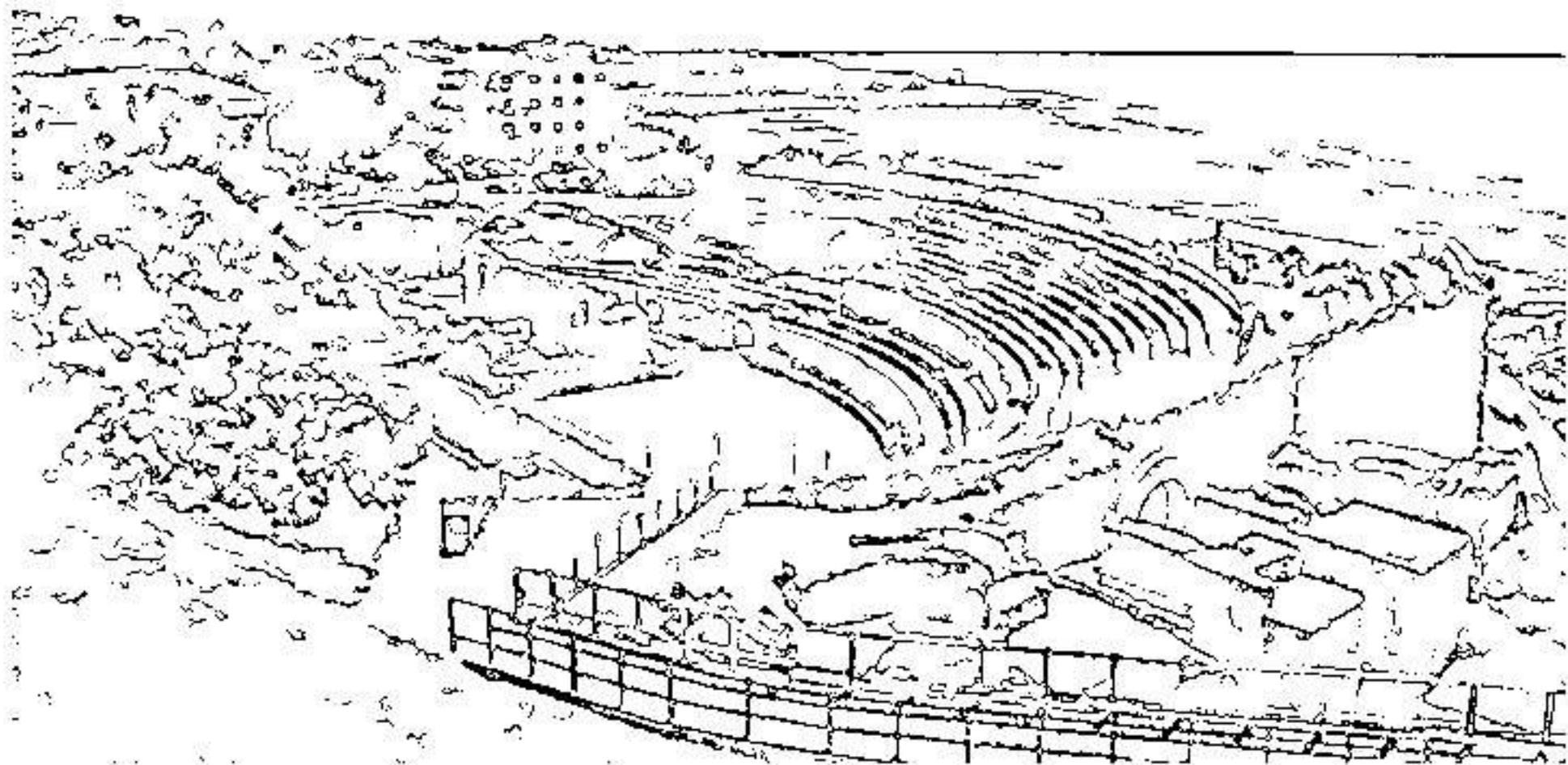
An amphitheatre is an open, circular or oval building with a central space for the presentation of dramatic or sporting events surrounded by tiers of seats for spectators. They were very much part of ancient life in the Roman and Greek empires.

The amphitheatre and the rest of Tarraco (Tarragona's Roman remains) is listed as UNESCO World Heritage. This means that these places are considered to be very special and important.

UNESCO stands for the United Nations Educational Scientific & Cultural Organisation.

[Click here](#) to see more about why these parts of Tarragona are listed by UNESCO.

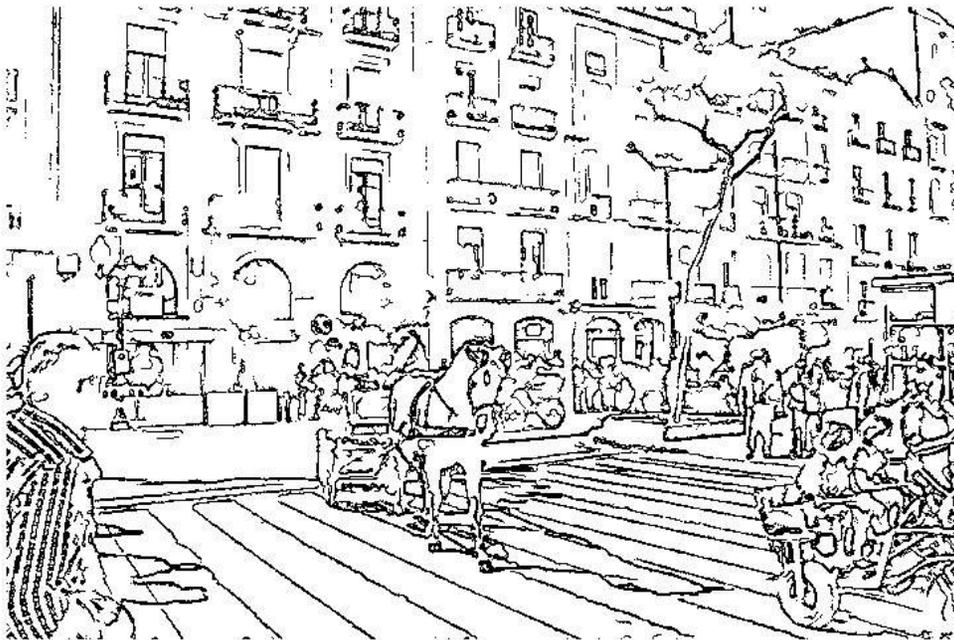
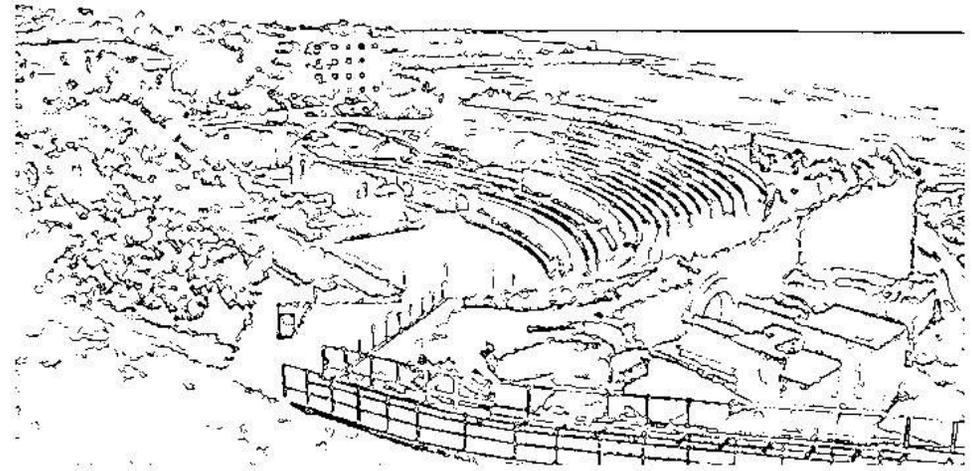
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