Map

The British Museum

Find your way around the Museum, discover some of the most famous objects, and explore the unique collection with talks, tours and more.

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Welcome to the British Museum – a museum of the world, for the world

Explore the galleries, see a special exhibition and relax in the shops and cafés
Lower floor

Africa
Africa
The Sainsbury Galleries
Room 25

Ancient Greece and Rome
Greek and Roman architecture
Room 77
Classical inscriptions
Room 78

The Clore Centre for Education
Hugh and Catherine Stevenson Lecture Theatre
Claus Moser Room
BP Lecture Theatre
Studio
Raymond and Beverly Sackler Rooms
Samsung Digital Discovery Centre

Ford Centre for Young Visitors
At weekends and during school holidays, families are welcome to picnic in the Ford Centre for Young Visitors.
Upper floors

Please note that some galleries may be closed at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances or refurbishment.

- The Lewis Chessmen, Room 40
  The most famous chess set in the world
- Oxus Treasure, Room 52
  Fabulous metalwork from ancient Iran
- The Royal Game of Ur, Room 56
  A popular pastime in the ancient world
- The Portland Vase, Room 70
  The Roman inspiration for Wedgwood
- Samurai armour, Room 93
  Military might in medieval Japan

Ancient Greece and Rome
- Greek and Roman life
  Room 69
- Roman Empire
  The Wolfson Gallery
- Room 70
  Etruscan world
- Room 71
  Ancient Cyprus
  The A G Leventis Gallery
- Room 72
  Greeks in Italy
  Room 73

Asia
- Painting and calligraphy
  Room 91a
- Japan
  The Mitsubishi Corporation Galleries
  Rooms 92–94

Europe
- Medieval Europe 1050–1500
  The Sir Paul and Lady Ruddock Gallery
  Room 40
- Sutton Hoo and Europe AD 300–1100
  The Sir Paul and Lady Ruddock Gallery
  Room 41
- Europe 1400–1800
  Room 46
- Europe 1800–1900
  Room 47
- Europe 1900 to the present
  Room 48

Middle East
- Ancient Iran
  The Rahim Irani Gallery
  Room 52
- Ancient South Arabia
  The Raynald and Beverly Sackler Gallery
  Room 53
- Anatolia and Urartu 7000–300 BC
  The Raynald and Beverly Sackler Gallery
  Room 54
- Mesopotamia 1500–539 BC
  The Raynald and Beverly Sackler Gallery
  Room 55
- Mesopotamia 600–1500 BC
  The Raynald and Beverly Sackler Gallery
  Room 56
- Ancient Levant
  The Raynald and Beverly Sackler Gallery
  Room 57–59

Theme
- Clocks and watches
  The Sir Harry and Lady Djanogly Gallery
  Rooms 38–39
- Money
  The City Gallery
  Room 68
- Prints and drawings
  Rooms 90 and 90a

Toilets
Accessible toilet
Baby changing
Baby feeding
Shop
Great Court Restaurant
Café
Audio guide
Information
Stairs
Tickets & Membership
Lift
Level access lift
Families Desk (weekends and school holidays only)
Cloakroom
In 1 hour
If you’re short of time, visit the objects marked on the map section on the other side of this leaflet to experience some of the highlights of the magnificent permanent collection. Start in Room 2a with the Holy Thorn Reliquary...

In 2–3 hours
If you have longer to spend, visit one or more of the special temporary exhibitions, or take one of the Museum’s tours, talks and guides (details on the right).

Galleries
Some of the galleries can be very busy at peak times. If you want to avoid the crowds, try visiting these galleries.

Room 95 – the largest collection of Chinese ceramics outside China.
Room 34 – objects from the Islamic World – from the 7th century AD to the present.
Room 2a – Renaissance and medieval treasures from the collection of Baron Ferdinand Rothschild.
Room 1 – the Enlightenment Gallery shows how the British Museum was first created in the 18th century and is a great introduction to the collection.
Room 27 – Maya and Aztec objects from Mexico, including beautiful turquoise mosaics.
Room 67 – objects from the Korean peninsula from about AD 300 to the present, including a spectacular reconstruction of a scholar’s study (sarangbang).

Visitor information
Galleries are open daily 10.00–17.30, until 20.30 on Fridays. Please note that galleries start closing 10 minutes before the published closing times.

The cloakroom is located to the west of the Main entrance (£).

Sketching with pencil in the galleries is allowed.

Photography is permitted in selected galleries, for non-commercial uses. Photography is not usually permitted in special exhibitions.

To help everyone enjoy the Museum, please:
• keep mobiles on silent and don’t take calls in galleries
• don’t touch the objects (you can handle selected objects at the Hands on desks – see right for details)
• don’t smoke on the premises
• don’t eat or drink in the galleries

If you have any other questions, ask at the Information Desk in the Great Court.

Exhibitions
Special temporary exhibitions
See world-class exhibitions in our stunning exhibition galleries. These unique displays feature treasures from the Museum’s collection presented in new and exciting ways alongside spectacular national and international loans. Tickets are available from the Ticket Desk in the Great Court. Under 16s go free to all exhibitions. Inside each exhibition you’ll find family guides and activities to explore more together.

Changing collection displays
These are free and in Rooms 3, 69a, 90, 90a and 91.

Make the most of your visit
Gallery talks
Free 45-minute talks by a guest speaker or curator. Tue–Sat at 13.15.

Highlights tour (£)
Available every Fri, Sat and Sun at 11.30 & 14.00 (90 minutes). Book at the Ticket Desk in the Great Court.

Eye-opener tours
Free daily tours (30–40 minutes) introducing areas of the collection (Room numbers):
11.00 Japan (92)
11.15 Gods and goddesses of Roman Britain (49)
11.30 Ancient Greece (17)
11.45 Ancient Iraq (56)
12.00 Africa (24)
12.15 Collecting the world (1)
12.30 The Enlightenment Gallery (1)
13.00 Mexico (24)
14.00 Art of the Middle East (54)
14.15 The world of money (68)
14.30 Ancient Egypt (64)
14.45 Medieval Europe (41)
15.15 Ancient Rome (70)
15.45 Assyrian reliefs (6)

Hands on desks
Handle objects daily at 11.00–16.00 in Rooms 1, 2, 24, 49 and 68. During exhibition runs in Room 30, there will be a handling desk outside the exhibition space.

Audio and family guide (£)
The Museum’s audio guide helps you make the most of your visit. Find out more about the Museum’s most popular objects or take a themed tour – it’s up to you. Available in 10 languages – English, Korean, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, Japanese and Mandarin, as well as British Sign Language and audio description.

Maps and souvenir guides
Self-guided tours and full colour maps are available. There are also souvenir guide books available in a number of languages. You can buy them from any of the Museum’s shops.

Spotlight tours
Free tours (20 minutes) on Friday evenings. Ask at the Information Desk for times, topics and locations.
Families

Free pick-up activities
Start your adventure at the Families Desk. On weekends and school holidays pick up a Museum explorer trail to discover the collection together, or borrow a backpack full of activities to use in the galleries.

Family events
Enjoy free family activities all year round. Drop in to a weekend digital workshop or get creative with hands-on holiday activities when school’s out.

Pushchairs
All our galleries are accessible and you can leave a fold-up buggy free of charge in the cloakroom during your visit.

Family eating
If you have a packed lunch, you can eat it in the Ford Centre for Young Visitors on weekends and school holidays.

Eating and shopping

Court Café
Enjoy a range of freshly made baguettes, toasted sandwiches, salads, soup and cakes in the Great Court.

Pizzeria
Ideal for families and groups. Sample a delicious range of freshly handmade pizzas, salads, cakes and drinks.

Great Court Restaurant
Casual contemporary dining. Open daily for lunch and afternoon tea. Enjoy dinner and live music on Fridays from 17:30.

Montague Café
Coffee and light bites.

Coffee Lounge
Salads, juices and hot drinks.

Membership

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- Unlimited free entry to all exhibitions
- Extensive range of Members-only events
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