

How to use a museum

Museums are a great place to learn, explore, challenge your thinking, and look at issues from new perspectives—whether it's in an art, history, or science museum.

May 18, 2017 is **International Museum Day** and this year the theme is "Museums and Contested Histories: Saying the Unspeakable in Museums." We decided to celebrate this day with an infographic designed to help you navigate any museum with ease. Many institutions in your area will be participating—try to make time to visit one!

Museums are a valuable community resource and a place for where all kinds of people can come together—here's how to make the most of your visit.

DECIDE WHAT TO SEE
Pick exhibits that interest you—don't worry about trying to see the entire museum.

MAKE TIME
Try to set aside at least two hours for your museum experience.

PAUSE TO REFLECT
on your own perspective, and then try to think about others'.

FEEL FREE TO ASK
staff for more information, or simply where the next exhibit is. They're there to make your museum experience the best it can be!

QUESTION YOURSELF
Ask yourself what your gut reactions and opinions are—and why—and consider what the exhibit asked of you.

DON'T OVERDO IT WITH PHOTOS
Use your time to experience the pieces in person.

TRY READING
the provided contextual material, or sign up for an audio tour.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY
what you saw at the museum—better yet, bring them with you!

TRY INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCES
that can help you explore things from a different angle.

GO BACK
Return another time to see an exhibit again, or maybe try something different.

