



Visual Story

Your visit to the Oriental Museum



Meet the Learning and Engagement Team!

There are 10 members of the Learning and Engagement Team. You won't be taught by everyone on the day of your visit - maybe 1 or 2 of us, depending how big your group is. This is a picture of everyone. Sometimes we have volunteers and work experience students with us as extra helpers. We are looking forward to meeting and working with you!



Ross



Charlotte



Jo



Erin



Paddy



Michael



Caitlin



David



Emily



John

Arriving at the Museum

Your bus should drop you off at the bottom of the hill and it is a short 5 minute walk to the museum.



You will need to carefully cross the road with your adults and follow the sign to the Oriental Museum.



As you walk up the path to the museum
you will see the Phoenician chariot.
Keep going!



Then follow the road round to the museum,
through the carpark. Be careful of cars.



Or if your school
has its own
minibus you can
park in our car
park.

You come in to
the museum
through the red
front doors.



Where can you put your things?

When you arrive, you will be asked to hang your coat and put your packed lunch on one of our trolleys...

...next you will walk past the Terracotta Warrior to one of our classrooms.



Classrooms

We have three teaching rooms at the Oriental Museum. One is called the Deelman room, one is the Digital Hub and the other one is called the Spalding room.

You will be asked to go and sit in one of these rooms so that we can say a proper hello to you and tell you about the day.

We do some of our teaching in these rooms and other parts of the day will be spent in the museum galleries.



Deelman



Digital Hub



Spalding

The Museum

Inside the museum one of the first things you will see is the reception desk.

All our staff are really friendly, and if you have any questions they will help you.

You can take photographs inside the museum, but please help us to look after the objects by turning the flash off. You can draw or sketch in the museum too.



Accessibility



The Museum has male and female toilets and an accessible toilet. They are near the front of the Museum.



The hand dryer in the toilet is noisy, but you can use hand towels if you prefer.



The lights in the toilets are bright but in our museum the lights are low to protect the objects



There is a wheelchair available and also walk and rest stools.

Inside the Museum

The Oriental Museum has galleries on four different levels, with steps connecting each level.



There are two lifts which you can use to get from one floor to another without using the stairs.

The lifts can be a bit noisy to use.



Oriental Museum

Durham University

Temporary Exhibitions

Silk Roads

Ancient Egypt

Reception

Gift Shop

Korea

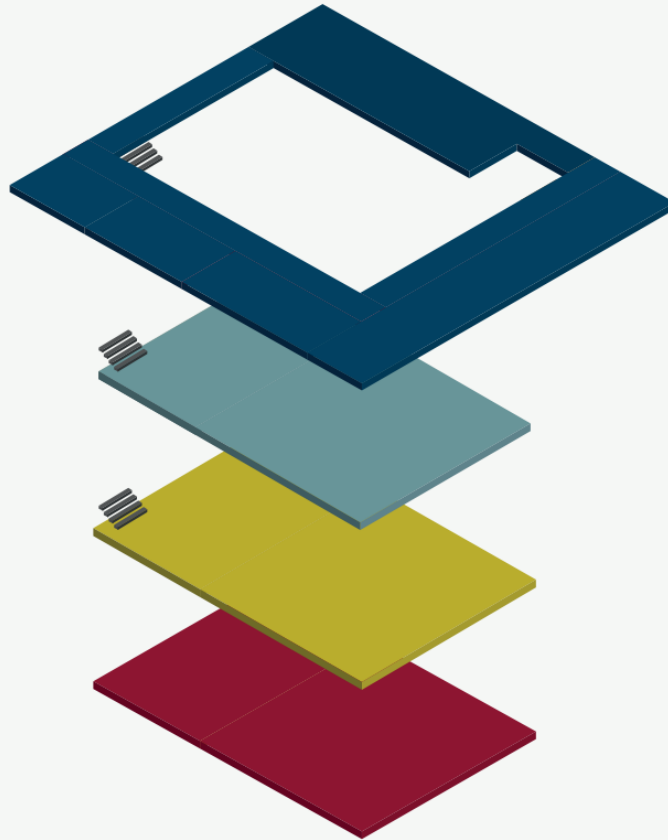
Japan

Himalayas

South Asia

South East Asia

China



Map of the Museum

The floor numbers go down the lower you go, so you enter the museum at Level 4 and then below that are Levels 3, 2 and 1. Level 1 is the lowest floor.

You won't always visit every floor of the museum. It depends what you are here to learn about.



Silk Roads Gallery



This gallery is on Level 4 of the museum.

There is a giant bed in this gallery from China, which has an alarm on it.

There are lots of objects to see in this gallery which explores trade from Asia to Europe.

You would use this gallery if you were visiting to learn about China or Early Islam.





Wolfson Gallery Ancient Egypt



The Oriental Museum has two Ancient Egypt Galleries. This is one of them.

It is on Level 4 of the museum.

The gallery has display cases around the outside of the room and an open space in the centre.

There are lots of objects to see in this gallery. One of them is a mummy.

You would use this gallery if you were visiting to learn about Ancient Egypt.



Thacker Gallery Ancient Egypt



This is the other Ancient Egyptian gallery at the Oriental Museum.

It is also on Level 4 of the museum.

The lighting in the gallery is quite low to protect some of the delicate objects. It can take your eyes a few moments to adjust.

There is a mummy in this gallery as well as lots of other amazing things. You would use this gallery if you were visiting to learn about Ancient Egypt.



Temporary Exhibition Gallery

This gallery is on Level 4 of the museum.

The objects on display change regularly for different exhibitions.





Rutt Gallery Korea



This gallery is on
level 3 of the
museum.

You can get to it
by using the stairs
or lift.





Spalding Gallery Japan



This gallery is on level 3 of the museum.

You can get to it by using the stairs or the lift.

There are lots of objects in this gallery – ceramics, costumes, weapons and armour.

You would use this gallery if you were visiting to learn about Japan.



Roberts Gallery Himalayas, South Asia and South East Asia



This gallery is on Level 2 of the museum.

You can get to it by using the stairs or lift.

The gallery is very bright and colourful.

There are lots of objects relating to different religions such as Buddhism, Hinduism and Sikhism.

You would use this gallery if you were visiting to learn about India, Buddhism, Hinduism and Sikhism.



Malcolm MacDonald Gallery China



This gallery is at the very bottom of the museum on level 1.

You can get to it by using the stairs or the lift.

This gallery has lots of different types of ceramics from prehistoric times up to the present day.

You would use this gallery if you were visiting to learn about China, Lunar New Year or the Shang Dynasty.



Lunchtime!



After washing your hands, you will have your lunch in one of the classrooms.



There will be a bin for you to put your rubbish in.



If the weather is nice, you may be able to have a picnic outside.



Fire alarm

The fire alarm is a loud siren noise. If you hear the fire alarm, we need you to line up quickly and quietly so we can lead you and your teachers out of one of the fire exits. We wait in the Teikyo University car park, which is the car park up the slope that you will see as you walk towards the museum when you arrive.

Sometimes, other alarms in the museum will go off. Some alarms protect objects, like the Chinese bed, and secure areas of the museum. These alarms are nothing to worry about, and you can carry on looking around the museum.



If people try to touch the Chinese bed, an alarm goes off.



Enjoy your visit!

If you or your teachers have any questions or concerns, do please get in touch with us and we will be very happy to answer them.



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We can't wait to meet you!

