



# Visiting the Oriental Museum

**Visual story**

# Arriving at the Oriental Museum



The Oriental Museum is open from 10am—5pm, Monday—Friday.

On Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday it opens 12—5pm.

We have 10 parking spaces very close to the museum, including 2 spaces for disabled visitors.

If you arrive early, you may have to wait outside for a few minutes until a member of staff opens the front door.

## At the reception desk



**Reception desk**



**Lockers**

Inside the museum you will see the reception desk. A member of staff will serve you and give you a map of the museum.

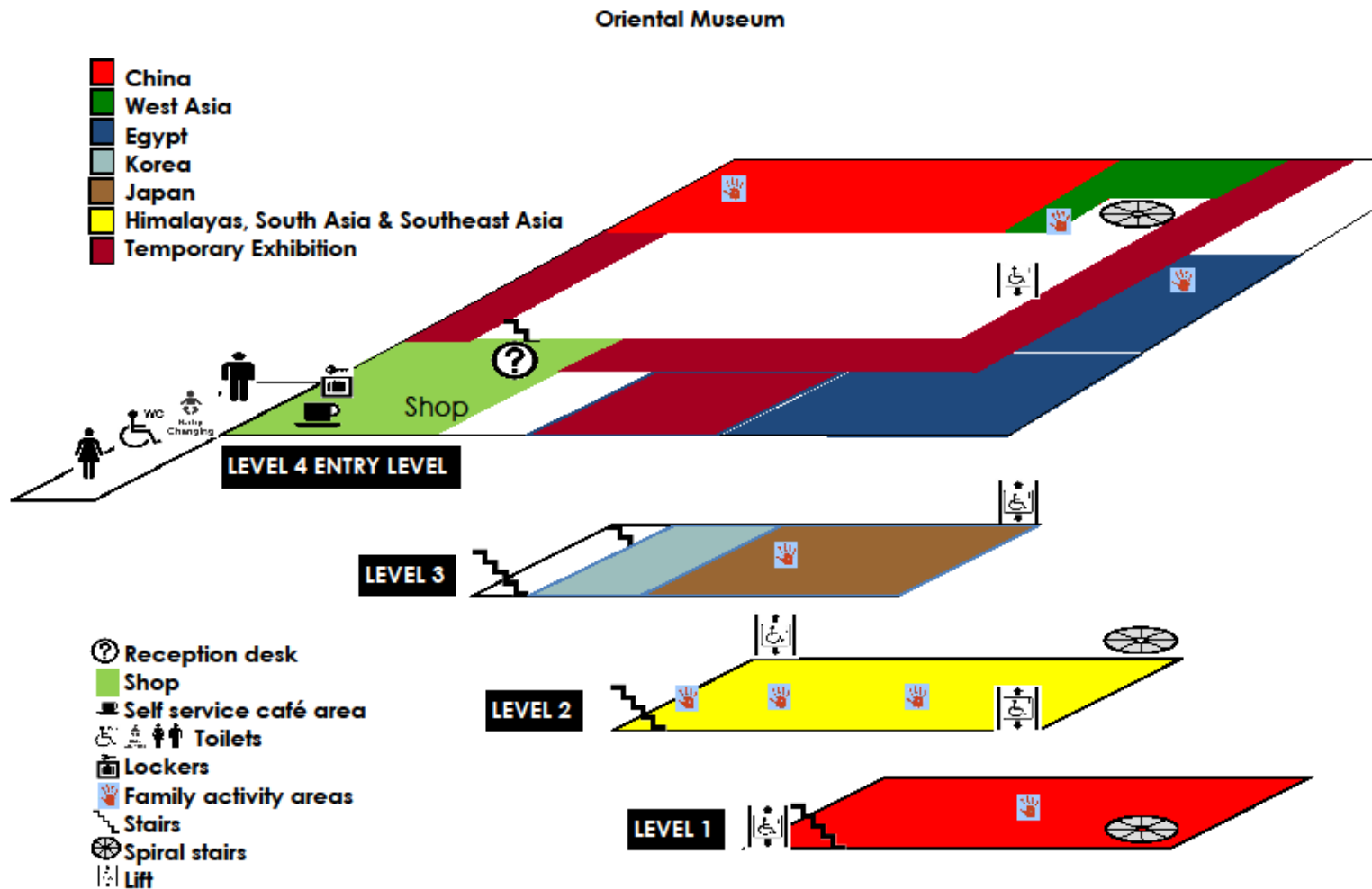
All our staff are friendly and if you have any questions our staff will help you.

You may be asked to leave any large bags or rucksacks in a locker near reception. The lockers are free to use.

There are hooks to hang coats on too.

You can take photographs inside the museum, but please do not use a flash. You can draw or sketch inside the museum too.

# Map of the museum



This is a map of the museum. A member of staff will give you a copy of the map at reception to help you find your way around.



## People you may meet in the galleries



**Technician**



**Curator**



**The Learning Team**

Lots of people work at the Oriental Museum. You may see some of them during your visit.

All our staff are friendly, and you can talk to them.

**Technicians** help install exhibitions.

**Curators** choose which objects go on display and give guided tours.

**The Learning Team** teach school children on school trips. Sometimes school trips can be noisy.

## In reception



**Shop**



**Café**

Near the reception desk there is a **shop** where you can buy gifts and souvenirs from your visit

There is also a **café** where you can buy tea and coffee, cold drinks, sandwiches and snacks.

The reception area can sometimes be a bit busy and there may be other people around in the shop or café.

You can't take food or drink into the galleries. This is to protect the objects.

If you would like to bring your own food, you can eat it at the picnic tables at the entrance to the museum.



# Accessibility



**Toilets**



**Accessible toilet**



**Walk and rest stool and wheelchair**

The Museum has male and female toilets and an accessible toilet.

The lights in the toilets are bright.

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

# The layout of the Museum



**Museum galleries**



**The lifts**



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

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

The lifts can be a bit noisy to use. You can ask a member of staff if you need help using the lift.



# Marvels of China Gallery



**Sofas in the gallery**



**Chinese Clock**

The Marvels of China Gallery is on the ground floor level of the Museum.

In this gallery there are some sofas where you can sit to take a break and relax.

The lighting level in the gallery is quite low to protect some of the objects.

If you visit on a Wednesday morning, this area can be a bit crowded and you may have to see another gallery first, and come back to this one later.

There are lots of objects in this gallery, including an astronomical clock.

## West Asia Gallery



**Gallery**



**Things you can touch**

The West Asia Gallery is on the ground floor level of the museum.

It is a small gallery.

There are some objects to touch in this gallery, like different types of silk.



# The Wolfson Gallery of Ancient Egypt



**Gallery**



**School visit**

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

It is on the ground floor level of the museum

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

There is a mummy in the gallery.

This room is sometimes full of school children on a school trip.

If the gallery is busy, you may have to see another gallery first, and come back to this one a bit later.

# The Thacker Gallery of Ancient Egypt



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

It is on the ground floor level.

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.

One of the most important objects in the Oriental Museum's collections is in this room too. It is the Servant Girl. You can find out more about this object by reading the label.



## Temporary exhibition gallery



This gallery is on the ground floor level of the Museum.

What you can see in this gallery changes regularly. Sometimes there is an art or archaeology exhibition on display.

Sometimes this gallery is closed to visitors.

Staff at the reception desk will let you know about any temporary exhibitions you can see during your visit.

# Japanese Gallery



This gallery is on the level 3 of the Museum.

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

There lots of objects in this gallery including ceramics, costumes, furniture, weapons and armour.



# Korean Gallery



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 including ceramics, furniture and musical instruments.

There is a listening post where you can listen to the sounds of different musical instruments from Korea. You can adjust the volume of the sound by pressing buttons.

There is a touchscreen computer you can use to find out more about Korean history and culture.

## South Asia and Southeast Asia Gallery



This gallery is on the level 2 of the Museum. You can get to it by using the stairs or the lift.

This gallery is very bright and colourful.

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

There are some Hindu shrines which you can touch in this gallery, and some spices to smell.

There are two touchscreen computers you can use to find out more information on the cultures in this gallery.



# The MacDonald Gallery of 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 is usually quite calm and peaceful. There are sofas where you can sit and watch a video on ceramic making. The video has no sound.

There are lots of different types of ceramics in this gallery, from prehistory times up to objects that were made in 2014.

You can feel different types of glaze and decoration by touching some tiles in this gallery.

## What to do if you hear an alarm



**Fire exit sign**



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

The fire alarm is a loud siren noise. If you hear the fire alarm, leave the museum building as quickly as you can.

Follow the green fire exit signs—above.

Museum staff will show you where it is safe to wait.

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.



## Events at the Oriental Museum



**Classroom**



**People attending a special event at the museum**

The Oriental Museum often holds talks, workshops and special events for adults and children.

If you come to an event, it may be in the museum classroom. The classroom is bright and colourful.

Lots of people come to some events and the museum can feel very busy.

To find out about events, go to our website [www.dur.ac.uk/oriental.museum](http://www.dur.ac.uk/oriental.museum)

## Enjoy your visit



We hope you enjoy your visit to the Oriental Museum.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can find more information on our website:

**[www.dur.ac.uk/oriental.museum](http://www.dur.ac.uk/oriental.museum)**

Or telephone **0191 334 5691** and speak to a member of staff.

Most of our staff have been trained in how to assist visitors with autism.