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American museum of natural history permanent exhibits

The American Museum of Natural History, founded in 1869, is one of the world's preeminent scientific, educational, and cultural institutions. The Museum encompasses 45 permanent exhibition halls, including the Rose Center for Earth and Space and the Hayden Planetarium, as well as galleries for temporary exhibitions. It is home to the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial, New York State's official memorial to its 33rd governor and the nation's 26th president, and a tribute to Roosevelt's enduring legacy of conservation. The Museum's five active research divisions and three cross-disciplinary centers support approximately 200 scientists, whose work draws on a world-class permanent collection of more than 33 million specimens and artifacts, as well as specialized collections for frozen tissue and genomic and astrophysical data, and one of the largest natural history libraries in the world. Through its Richard Gilder Graduate School, it is the only American museum authorized to grant the Ph.D. degree and the Master of Arts in Teaching degree. Annual attendance has grown to approximately 5 million, and the Museum's exhibitions and Space Shows can be seen in venues on five continents. The Museum's website and collection of apps for mobile devices extend its collections, exhibitions, and educational programs to millions more beyond its walls. Visit amnh.org for more information. **First Floor | Exhibit** Learn about the ecology of African elephants, their place in geologic time, and their connections to humans, including the threats they face from poachers. **First Floor | Exhibit** Examine the diversity, dynamism, and global influence of Africa's peoples and cultures over time in the realms of family, work, community, and the natural environment. **Second Floor | Exhibit** Compare and contrast the skeletons of flying fish, a massive sea turtle, snakes, a giraffe, monkeys, and many more vertebrates. Learn what skeletons tell us about how different animals live. **Currently Closed: Check Back for Reopening Date** Walk through our butterfly pavilion filled with tropical plants and live, fluttering butterflies. Explore how plants and butterflies have evolved in response to each other. **Second Floor | Exhibit** Temporarily Closed Swim with a pod of orcas through this unique augmented reality experience. **FIRST FLOOR | EXHIBIT** Journey through time from the beginning of life on Earth through the reign of the dinosaurs to the present, a time of immense planetary changes. **First Floor | Exhibit** Meet your closest ancestors and relatives in this exploration of human evolution. Discover fascinating stories of extinction and survival, and learn what set us apart from other species. **Ground Floor | Exhibit** Learn about the history of anthropological fieldwork and the diversity of human life through works on paper, photography, sound, and film from archival and library collections. **Second Floor | Exhibit** Uncover the world of ancient Egypt through the ceramics, tools, and jewelry found in ancient tombs, along with four mummies from over 2000 years ago that have been uncovered through modern science and technology. **Second Floor | Temporary Exhibit** Our genomes connect us to each other and the natural world. **Second Floor | Exhibit** Dig in to unearth the secrets of our planet's gems, minerals, rocks, earthquakes, and volcanoes. Examine meteorites that hold the mysteries of the formation of our solar system. **First Floor | Exhibit** Can you find a leaping tiger, a pink fairy armadillo, or a South American kinkajou? These animals, many of which you can't see anywhere else, highlight the incredible variety of the mammal family. **Atrium First Floor | Exhibit** Come face-to-face with a 52-foot-long model of a female mega-toothed shark suspended above our new dining area. **SECOND FLOOR | EXHIBIT** Get up close and personal with live insects and their many-legged relatives. Watch a tarantula eat lunch and hold a hissing cockroach. Learn about the diversity of bees, flies, and other insects. **Second Floor | Exhibit** Explore the breadth, depth, and splendor of the world's most extensive natural history collection. View some of the most intriguing, beautiful, and awe-inspiring objects in our collection. **Second Floor | Temporary Exhibit** Join epidemiologists, veterinarians, public health workers, and citizens across the globe as they work together to identify viruses in animals and humans and contain infectious disease outbreaks. **Currently Closed: Check Back for Reopening Date** Students in grades K-5 get a chance to practice their scientific inquiry skills as they interact with items from the museum's collections. **Currently Closed: Check Back for Reopening Date** Get details about this interactive learning space, including location, hours, events, and activities. **First Floor | Exhibit** Dive into the ocean, from the shore down to the ocean floor. Travel through time, from the origins of the ocean 3.8 billion years ago to the challenges and opportunities the ocean presents today. **First Floor | Temporary Exhibit** Get up close to the fossil remains of giant reptiles—mosasaurs, plesiosaurs, and sea turtles—that once ruled the sea off the coast of West Africa 88 – 66 million years ago. **Image Credit: Karen Carr Studio Inc. for the Paleo Angola Project and SeaMonsters Unearthed.** **Second Floor | Experience** Relax and recharge among an indoor garden of live plants. While you soak in the green, learn why and how plants "move" to survive and thrive. **Second Floor | Temporary Exhibit** Award-winning photographs of extraordinary and often rarely seen animal behaviors. **Online** Visit our exhibits, past and present, all from the comfort of home! There's something about getting tucked in in the shadow of a 94-foot-long blue whale that inspires likewise larger-than-life dreams, in kids and adults alike. A sleepover at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, via their after-hours "A Night at the Museum" program, running through summer and fall, is just the ticket for widening wee ones' horizons. The sleepovers, which are open to kids ages 6 through 13, kick off at 6 p.m. and run through 9 a.m. the next morning. Before bunking down for the night on a cot, just underneath the museum's legendary blue whale (in the Milstein Hall of Ocean Life), kids will partake in a fossil fact-finding mission (led by flashlight), take in a film or space show at the LeFrak Theater, and check out a live animal presentation or exhibition (which in the past have highlighted bats, wolves, and birds of prey). Somewhere in between it all, little explorers will come face to face with their ancestors in the Anne and Bernard Spitzer Hall of Human Origins, confront ancient dinosaur fossils (including the dinosaur king himself, T. Rex), ogle dioramas in the Hall of African Mammals, and ponder geological wonders in the Hall of Planet Earth. Guests will pretty much have the run of the Upper West Side museum, with access to its first, second, third, and fourth floors, as well as the lower level and the Rose Center for Earth and Space; the second and third floors of the main museum close after 8:45 p.m. For grub, included in the admission rates are an evening snack (cookies, granola bars, juice, coffee, and tea) and light breakfast (fruit, muffins, yogurt, coffee, tea, and juice). Heartier fare can be purchased at the museum's food court, which stays open till 7:30 p.m.; there are also vending machines available. (Note that food must be consumed in the designated eating areas and no outside food is permitted in the AMNH.) Participants -- up to 465 in all -- are advised to bring along sleeping bags and pillows, a flashlight, and an overnight bag (including a washcloth for a quick refresher). Pack, as well, some change for the vending machines, and earplugs if by some odd chance, catching your z's in a room full of excited kids proves somewhat challenging. Note that one adult chaperone is required to accompany every one to three children. Tickets cost \$150 per person which must be paid in advance (no walk-ins will be accepted). Spots sell out quickly; check out the museum website for contact information in order to confirm availability and to book. The American Museum of Natural History is one of New York City's most popular attractions, featuring four floors filled with exhibits on natural history topics, from dinosaurs and mammals to biodiversity and outer space. Use these tips and tricks to make the most of a visit to the American Museum of Natural History. **01 of 07** American Museum of Natural History The AMNH Explorer app makes it easy to find exhibits, bathrooms, and the museum shop. Also, includes information about tours and treasure hunts (especially great for kids). The app is a free download for visitors with an iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch, and the museum has devices that you can borrow, for free, if you don't have a compatible phone. **02 of 07** Boris Dzhingarov/Flickr/CC BY 2.0 The American Museum of Natural History has exhibits on 4 different floors and several staircases and elevators....so you're sure to get lost without a map. You can get a map for free when you purchase your admission tickets, or from any information booth in the museum. The staff can be very helpful if you feel disoriented and need directions. **03 of 07** serk1/Flickr/CC BY-SA 2.0 For a small fee, you can check outerwear, umbrellas, and bags at the coat check in the Rose Center or Theodore Roosevelt Rotunda. This will ensure you can maximize time in the museum without overheating or having your hands full the whole time. **04 of 07** Waring Abbott/Getty Images It would be impossible to see every exhibit in the museum in one visit. Check your map, look at a list of recommended exhibits, and plan for which things you'd most like to see. If it's your first time in the American Museum of Natural History, take a Highlights Tour offered hourly from 10:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. This hour tour hits the museum's top exhibits, and narrows which halls you'd like to revisit and explore more closely. If you're a repeat visitor, check out the Spotlight Tour schedule once you arrive at the museum. The Rose Center has an audio tour, as well. All tours are free with museum admission to groups of less than 10 people. Continue to 5 of 7 below. **05 of 07** Lars Niki/Getty Images In addition to breathtaking visuals, IMAX films and Space Shows are a great way to get off your feet in between exhibits. The films last about 40 minutes, and most are appealing to both children and adults. To ensure you get the best seats, get to the theater 15 minutes before showtime. This provides time if you get lost. If you need another rest, the museum offers several food options, and don't forget the hot dog and pretzel vendors outside of the museum. On a nice day, refuel on the museum steps and enjoy great people watching at the same time. If the weather outside is less pleasant, the cafes in the museum offer a welcome respite. **06 of 07** Javier Carbajal/Wikimedia Commons/CC BY-SA 2.5 The American Museum of Natural History has frequently changing exhibitions that offer deeper insight into some of the museum's many popular topics. Purchase tickets to special exhibitions when you enter the museum.

