

Museum Visit

NATURAL
HISTORY
MUSEUM

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

SOCIAL NARRATIVE





I am going on a trip to the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. The museum is a big place with lots of cool things for me to see and learn about!

The museum has three entrances. When we arrive, I will either walk across a bridge, up some big stairs to get into the museum or through the Community Plaza gardens.



If it is a busy day, my adult will have to wait in line to get our tickets. I will do my best to be patient while I wait. If I need to use the bathroom, I will tell an adult in my group and they can bring me inside.



To keep the museum safe and clean for other guests, I will keep my food and drinks put away while we are inside! There are nice places to eat outside or in the museum's Café.





I might see and hear construction happening around the Museum when we visit. I will let my adult know if I need a quiet space.

When we enter through the doors of the museum, I will feel cool air and it will be a little darker than it was outside. It might take my eyes a second to get used to the difference in light.

There are three floors I can visit, with different exhibits on each. When I enter the museum it will be on Level 1. I can take the elevator or stairs up to Level 2 or down to Level G.





I will need to stay with my adult while we are inside. I will make sure that I can always see them as we explore the museum!

We can use a map of the museum to figure out how to get to the exhibits we are interested in seeing.





I will decide with my adult which of the museum's exhibit halls we would like to see. Sometimes it can be crowded or noisy in the exhibit halls. If I need to take a break somewhere quiet, I will let my adult know.

Some exhibits have animals that are dead, but posed to look like they are alive. This is called **taxidermy**. They may seem like they are looking at me, but the eyes are made out of plastic, similar to a toy stuffed animal!



There are many things at the museum that I will be able to look at but not touch. These things may be fragile or very old, so touching them wouldn't be safe! Objects that I shouldn't touch will be behind glass or some type of barrier.

There are also many things that it is okay to touch! A sign or museum staff will let me know if an object is touchable. If I am ever unsure, I can ask an adult in my group.





If I get separated from my group or adult, or if I have questions, I can ask someone who works at the museum to help me. People who work at the museum wear a uniform or name badge.

If I need to go to the bathroom, I will let my adult know. There are bathrooms on every floor of the museum. Some bathrooms have a few stalls; others have a door and just one toilet.





If I need to take a break, I will tell an adult. There are places inside and outside the museum that are quieter where I can relax.



I will try not to be upset if I don't see everything at the museum before it is time for us to leave. I can always come back another time on a field trip or with my family!



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