

Autism-friendly gallery guide for World Museum



This is the entrance to the museum.

We open at 10am every day and close at 5pm.

If you want to sit outside the museum then you can use the benches there.

Ground Floor

Cloakroom



Inside the entrance there is a visitor cloakroom with lockers.



You will need a £1 coin to use the locker.

When you have finished using the locker your £1 will be returned to you

Small gift shop



Opposite to the cloakroom, there is a small gift shop. You can buy gifts there.

Atrium



In our atrium you can use the lifts and stairs to get to the galleries. The atrium can be busy when we open and school groups arrive. There can be long queues at weekends and school holidays. The museum is free except for the planetarium. You need a ticket for the planetarium which you can buy at the Information Desk on the

ground floor. The timetable of shows and the ticket prices are at the Information Desk.

Information desk



Staff at the Information Desk can help you. You can talk to them if you:

- have any problems in the museum
- want to know what events are happening and when they will happen
- if you get separated from a group
- If you have lost property in the museum
- If you want to buy Planetarium tickets
- You need to collect free tickets for shows in the Treasure House Theatre.

You can let us know how your visit was by writing your opinion in the Visitor Book.

Cafe



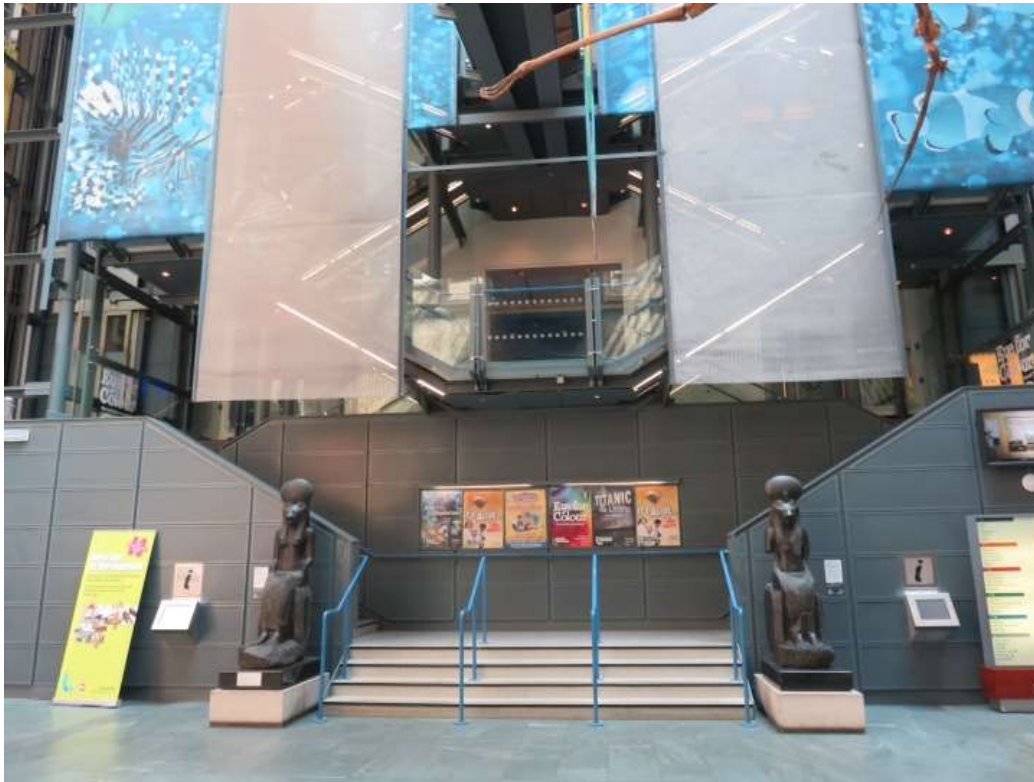
The ground floor café is to the left of the atrium. This area can be crowded and because it has a high roof, sound echoes. Food and drinks that are bought in the café must be eaten in the cafe.

Large gift shop



There is a larger gift shop at the back of the café.

Stairs



It is usually quicker to use the stairs than wait for a lift.
You might prefer to take a lift to Floor 5 and work your way through the museum from floor 5 which is the top floor, down the stairs to the ground floor

Lift



Our lifts have a floor plan inside. The lifts are glass and you can see out of some sides.

Floor 1

Information Point and Toilets



Opposite the stairs on every floor is an Information Point with a floor plan and a touch screen computer linked to our website.

Men's toilets are to the left of this, and ladies' toilets to the right. Baby change/Changing Places rooms are opposite the ladies' toilets. Accessible bathrooms are opposite the men's toilets.

The Aquarium



The aquarium is where the live sea creatures live. It is quite dark, with some bright lights in the tanks and label panels. You might hear the pumps making water flow in the tanks, and there are some videos with sound.



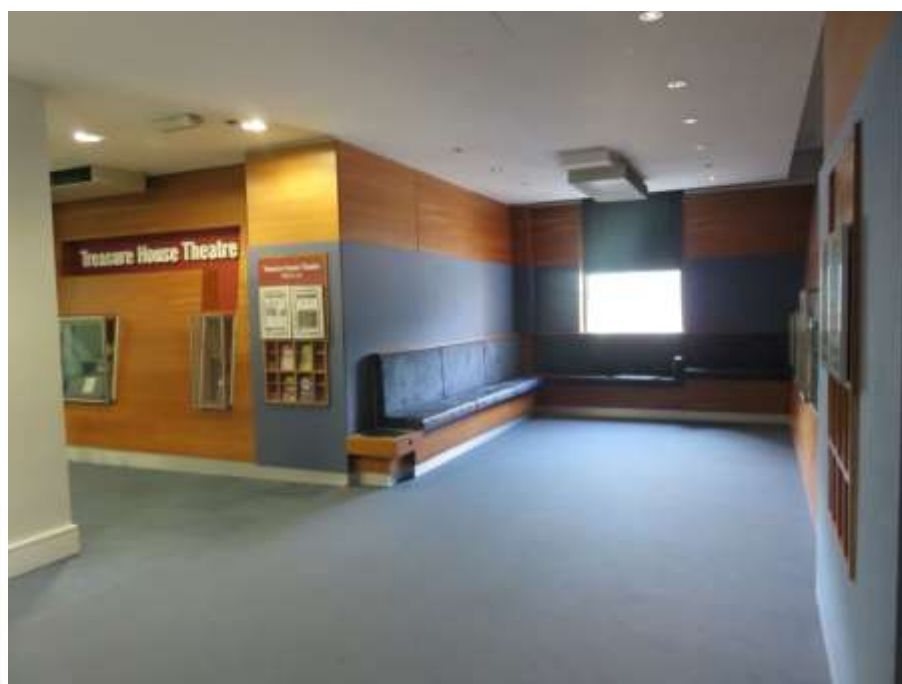
If you have booked an aquarium education session, it will be in our aquarium classroom. The doors close and there are more seats inside. This room is open to the public when there are no groups.

The Treasure House Theatre



The Treasure House Theatre is mostly used for school groups. At weekends and school holidays there are often special events. You can collect free tickets from the Information Desk for these events.

The Treasure House Theatre lobby - Quiet Space



You can use the lobby of the Treasure House Theatre as a Quiet Space

Floor 2

The Clore Natural History Centre



To get to the Clore Natural History Centre you can walk across the bridge. It has glass sides and you can get a good view of the atrium. The bridge can sound noisy when you walk across. You can go through the Bug House instead if you don't like sounds made on the bridge when you walk across it.



In this room, you can touch things that are on the benches. There are demonstrators to help you. There are taxidermy animals, fossils, shells, rocks and plants.



The CNHC group room is where school sessions are held.

The Bug House



The Bug House entrance is made to look like a sewer pipe with a giant fly robot. The tunnel is quite dark and if you prefer to avoid this, you can get to the Bug House through the Clore Natural History Centre over the bridge.



We have some live bugs like tarantulas, scorpions, beetles and stick insects in the Bug House. They are all inside tanks and can't get out.



There is a colony of leaf cutter ants you can see taking food back to their nest. They can't get out.



Our model Garden Spider wiggles when people walk underneath. You can walk around her to get past if you don't like her. There are drawers with lots of preserved insects to look at.

Eye For Colour



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This is a temporary exhibition which finishes on 4th September 2016.

Floor 3

The Weston Discovery Centre



In the Weston Discovery Centre you can learn about human history through the ages. This room is open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays during school term time, and every day through school holidays.

The Weston Discovery Centre education room



Schools and community groups can book sessions in the education room in school term time.

World Cultures Gallery



The World Cultures gallery takes you on a journey around the globe looking at Africa, The Americas, Asia and Oceania. This gallery is often less busy than the rest of the museum.

Floor 4 Dinosaurs gallery



Here you will find most of the dinosaur and prehistoric life collection. This gallery can be very busy.



The Natural World section has different levels to explore and lots of preserved animals. It is quite dark.

Picnic area



The picnic area is at the back of Floor 4. You can eat your own food here and there is a sink and paper towels to wash your hands. This room can get very busy, noisy and crowded.

Community Base



This room sometimes has displays for the public, or can be booked by community groups.

Floor 5 Cafe



The floor 5 café has a wider range of hot food. The menu and prices are on the wall and by the counter so you can plan your meal before you queue. This area can be very busy.

Time and Space gallery





The Time and Space gallery and planetarium are accessed through the café.

Planetarium



In the planetarium, shows about space are shown on a big dome. It is a kind of cinema and is usually dark during the show. It can be loud. You can buy planetarium show tickets from the information desk on the ground floor. You need to tilt your head back to see the show.