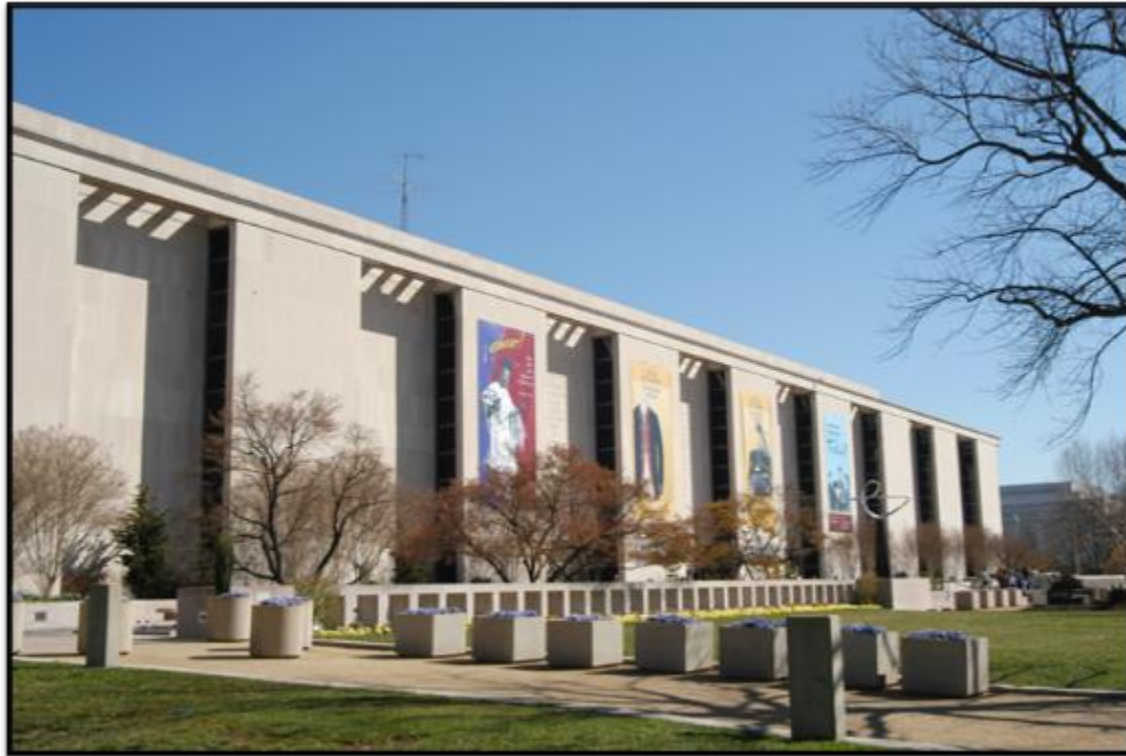


Visiting the National Museum of American History



I am visiting the National Museum of American History soon. At the museum, I will see many special objects and exhibits. Museums are very fun, and there are a few things I should know before my visit.



To enter the museum, I will use the entrance on Constitution Avenue or Madison Avenue. There may be a line outside, but I can wait with my grown-up to enter.





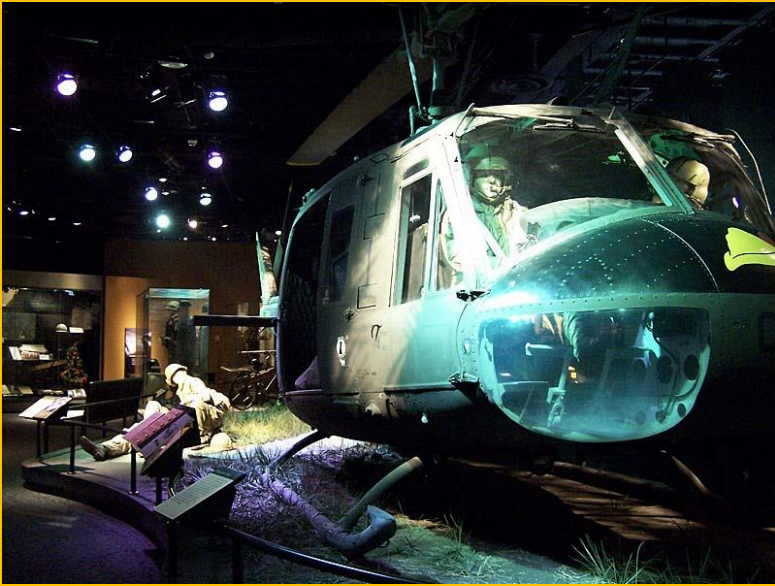
I will see security guards when I go to the museum. Security guards wear special uniforms and work at the museum to help keep me and the exhibits safe.



Before I can explore the museum, the security guards might ask me to walk through a scanner or to wave a scanning wand around me. The scanners are safe and help the guards protect the museum.



The museum is a very popular place so I might see or hear big crowds of people when I visit. If one area is too crowded, I can go to another area with fewer people or use headphones.



Some parts of the museum might be darker than others to protect the items displayed in that area. If an area of the museum is too dark, I can go to a brighter place. If an area is too bright, I can go to a darker part of the museum.

Most of the objects in the museum are behind glass. This helps the museum keep them safe. If I see a sign like this one, I can explore the item with my eyes but not with my hands.



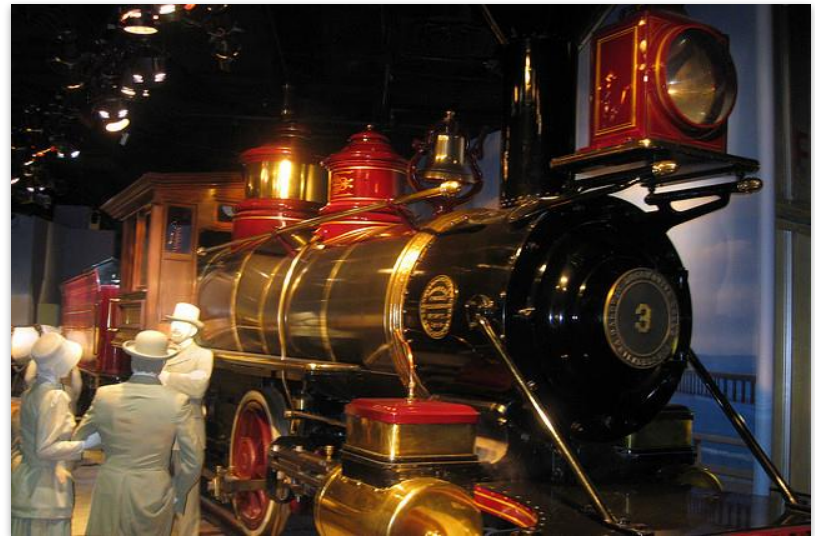
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DO NOT TOUCH**



There are things that I can touch at the museum. Many of the things I can touch are made of bronze. Sometimes there is a picture that says “Touch” with a hand.



There are many exhibitions in the museum. I may see trains.



Or Julia Child's kitchen in the *Food* exhibit.



Or the Entertainment Nation exhibit.



Or the dresses in the *First Ladies* exhibit.



In the *Price of Freedom* exhibition, visitors might hear loud bangs, or see something scary. If visitors do not like the exhibit, they can leave and move to a different exhibit.



The National Museum of American History is a big museum in Washington, DC.

There are many things for me to see at the museum!