

THE BRITISH MUSEUM

A GUIDE FOR GROUP VISITS



Welcome

The British Museum is getting set for an exciting Olympic year. Groups can enjoy a new collection tour focusing on the role of sport in the ancient world, with an emphasis on the Greek galleries. There is also an exciting line-up of exhibitions, including the major display exploring the sacred pilgrimage to Mecca (Hajj), and the not-to-be-missed summer exhibition on Shakespeare. These will be popular, so book quickly!

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WHAT'S NEW IN 2012

EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS

HAJJ: JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF ISLAM

26 January – 15 April 2012, Reading Room
Tickets on sale from 19 July 2011

This exhibition will explore the purpose, history and context of the sacred pilgrimage to Mecca and its significance to Muslims, from its beginnings to the present day. The rituals surrounding Hajj, the pilgrims' journeys, and the importance of Mecca itself will be explored through a diverse selection of objects from collections across the UK, Africa, the Middle East and Europe.

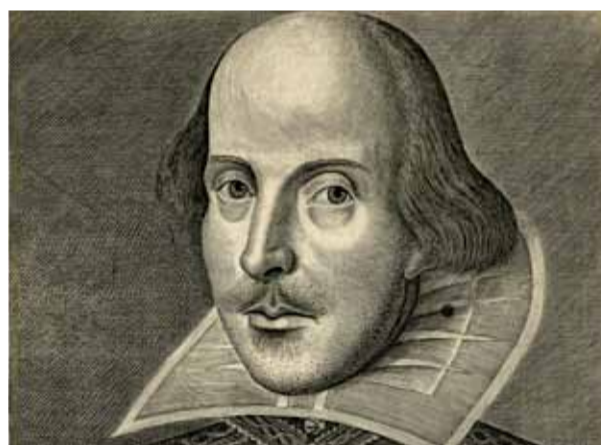


SHAKESPEARE'S THEATRE OF THE WORLD

The BP Special Exhibition
19 July – 25 November 2012, Reading Room
Tickets on sale from October 2011

A major exhibition on the world of William Shakespeare. The exhibition, part of the London 2012 Festival, will provide a unique insight into the emerging role of London as a world city around 1612 interpreted through the innovative perspective of Shakespeare's plays. Shakespeare's London of 1612 will be brought to life through objects, quotes and performance.

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HOW CAN GROUPS VISIT EXHIBITIONS?

Group tickets for exhibitions

Special rates are available for charging exhibitions for weekday visits and include savings of approximately 20%. Group rates will be available when tickets go on sale for each exhibition.

Group exhibition lecture packages

Get a deeper understanding of an exhibition by combining your visit with a lecture by the curator. These special lecture packages are available on selected dates and include coffee and biscuits. From £23 per person.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND AFTERNOON TEA

Fine dining or café style, there are menu options for all budgets.

Gallery Café

Tucked away from the crowds, with areas for group visitors to sit together or separately.

- Morning coffee and pastries £3.50
- Hot or cold lunches, with drink £5.50–£8
- Afternoon tea with scones £5.50

Court Restaurant

Elegant fine dining, situated under the stunning glass roof of the Great Court.

- Two-course menu with a glass of wine £24
- Tea and scones £6.50 or classic afternoon tea for two people £24

Free meals for group organisers

For groups of 10–20 guests, one tour guide eats free; for 21–35 guests, two guides eat free.

SPECIAL OFFERS FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE GROUPS

Souvenir guides

These full-colour guide books come in 11 languages and can be bought on the day of your visit from all British Museum shops.

Multimedia Guides

These easy-to-use, handheld Multimedia Guides allow your guests to enjoy their own tour of the Museum with commentaries of over 200 objects, and guided tours of highlight objects and galleries. They are available in 11 languages and you can hire them from the Multimedia Guide Desk in the Great Court.

Special offer

Save 10% on Multimedia Guides and/or souvenir guides when you buy 5 or more. To redeem this offer, call 020 7323 8584, or ask to speak to the Shop Duty Manager on the day.

TOURS OF THE COLLECTION

£9 per person, minimum £135
(max 20 people per tour)

NEW – Sport in the Ancient World

Discover the role of sport in the ancient world through this new tour, with an emphasis on the Greek galleries.

Enlightenment

Discover the way the world was understood by Europeans in the 18th century, tracing the beginning of the British Museum and its collection.

Egypt

Be amazed by the world of ancient Egypt through monumental stone sculpture, including the colossal statue of Ramesses II.

Greece

Explore highlight objects from the Classical world including statues, painted pottery and the world-famous Parthenon frieze.



Right: Black-figured column-krater, attributed to the Inscription Painter. Greek, around 540 BC, possibly made in Italy.

BOOKING AND GETTING HERE

How to book

- To arrange a guided tour or lecture package, email groups@britishmuseum.org
- To book group tickets to exhibitions and to advise the Museum if you are bringing a large party, telephone 020 7323 8181 or email tickets@britishmuseum.org
- To book any of the menus, email eat@britishmuseum.org or call 020 7323 8990
- For more information, visit britishmuseum.org/groupvisits

Opening hours

10.00–17.30 daily, until 20.30 on Fridays

Groups' entrance

All groups are asked to enter the Museum at the Montague Place entrance, WC1E 7JW.

Coach parking

There is metered parking for coaches on Montague Place. Parking spaces may be booked for minibuses for people with mobility impairments by calling 020 7323 8299.

Access

If any of your visitors require special assistance during their visit, call the British Museum in advance on 020 7323 8299.

Please note all prices are correct at time of going to print.



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