British Museum International Touring Exhibitions

The British Museum will be touring exhibitions to international venues across the world in 2022.


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The British Museum shares its rich and diverse collection with audiences through its extensive programme of touring exhibitions.

British Museum international touring exhibitions provide visitors around the world the opportunity to learn about the cultures of the past and the objects people made. Our exhibitions draw on the expertise of world-class curators, conservation experts, scientists, project managers and other Museum professionals to support the exhibition at every stage of its development.

Learn more about our upcoming tours below, and get in touch with the International team via email: international@britishmuseum.org

Ancient Greeks: athletes, warriors, and heroes

The ancient Greeks are well known for their competitive spirit, whether in the field of politics, sport, drama, warfare, civic or social competition. Featuring a range of objects from sculpture, jewellery and armor to vases and ancient sporting paraphernalia, this exhibition explores competition leading to both conflict and a prosperous culture and exchange of ideas.

National Museum of Australia, Canberra, Australia on now until 01 May 2022

Auckland War Memorial Museum, Auckland, New Zealand from 10 June 2022 – 16 October 2022

Mummies of ancient Egypt: rediscovering six lives

Ancient Egyptian mummies have fascinated the public for hundreds of years. This extraordinary funerary tradition has been explored more deeply with the rise of technology. New generations of CT scanners provide sophisticated images of the human remains and objects contained beneath mummy wrappings and determine more accurately key pieces of information such as an individual’s sex, age, and health at the time of death.
This exhibition introduces six mummies who lived and died in Egypt between 3,000 and 1,800 years ago. Visitors will gain a unique insight into what life would have been like along the River Nile several thousand years ago.

Kobe City Museum, Kobe, Japan on now until 08 May 2022

La Caixa Forum, Madrid, Spain from 12 July 2022 – 30 October 2022

La Caixa Forum, Barcelona, Spain from 01 December 2022 – 19 March 2023

**Pharaoh: king of Egypt**

This exhibition explores the rituals, symbols, and ideologies Egyptian kingship. Its unique collection of objects transport visitors to ancient Egypt, where they encounter a culture divided by civil war, conquered by foreign powers, and ruled by competing Pharaohs. Over 150 objects will tell the story of Egypt's most revered monarchs to those who were the subject of satire, visitors will discover aspects of an ancient culture rarely seen before.

La Caixa Forum, Palma, Spain on now until 22 May 2022

La Caixa Forum, Valencia, Spain from 21 June 2022 – 23 October 2022

La Caixa Forum, Seville, Spain on now until 29 May 2022

La Caixa Forum, Zaragoza, Spain from 28 June 2022 – 16 October 2022

La Caixa Forum, Palma, Spain from 10 November 2022 – 26 March 2023

**The human image**

The human form has been a predominant theme in art starting from around 40,000 years ago. Across diverse cultures figural representations have been used to communicate ideas about how the human body has been represented throughout history. In this exhibition, visitors can explore a wide selection of figural images in different media from across the collection, ranging in date from the Neolithic to the present day.

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**Rome: city and empire**

This exhibition brings together some of the British Museum's most fascinating and beautiful Roman objects to tell the story of how Rome grew from a series of small hilltop villages to a mighty empire that reached from Britain to Iraq and from Romania to Morocco.

Suzhou Museum, Suzhou, China on now until 08 October 2022

**Hokusai: works from the collection of the British Museum**

Featuring a broad selection of works produced right up to Hokusai’s death at the age of 90, including a beautiful early example of the iconic ‘Great Wave’, this exhibition examines Hokusai’s personal beliefs through paintings, drawings, woodblock prints and illustrated books, several of which have never been seen internationally before. Uniquely, the exhibition
will also include details on the major Hokusai collectors at the British Museum and give insight into their enthusiasm, scholarship and appreciation for the artist.

Suntory Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan from 16 April 2022 – 12 June 2022

Feminine power: the divine to the demonic

Feminine power celebrates the diversity of ways in which femininity has been perceived within global belief, from the ancient world to today. Five thematic sections bring together ancient sculpture, sacred artefacts and contemporary art from five continents to explore deities, goddesses, spirits and other beings, who preside over diverse areas of human experience, from wisdom, passion and nature, to war, mercy and justice. Enhanced by engagement with contemporary worshippers and insights from prominent contributors, the exhibition is designed to inspire visitors to reflect on the influence of these beliefs on people’s lives and the formation of cultural attitudes towards female authority and ideas about gender identity.

National Museum of Australia, Canberra, Australia from 08 December 2022 – 27 August 2023

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