

# PLAN



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Thank you for your interest in planning a group visit to The Field Museum! We prepared these comprehensive materials to help make your visit planning easier. Please review them and do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. We look forward to seeing you at The Field Museum!

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- **Frequently Asked Questions** – and their answers!
- **Exhibitions** – a quick synopsis
- **Guided Programs** – ways to enhance your group's visit
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Also, ask us about:

- **Birthday Parties**
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- **After-Hours Receptions**
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For more information, please visit [www.fieldmuseum.org/group\\_visits](http://www.fieldmuseum.org/group_visits) or call (312) 665-7300

## General Questions

## Group Questions

### **When is The Museum open?**

We are open daily from 9am – 5pm. Last admission is at 4pm. Last admission to special exhibitions is at 3:30pm. We are closed Christmas Day. During spring breaks, summers and holidays, we frequently extend or shorten our hours. Please check our website or call for details.

### **When is the best time to visit?**

Visitors arriving any weekday before 10am or after 2pm or in the months of September and January will find fewer crowds.

### **Are there any free days?**

There are some days where Basic Admission is free. Please visit [http://www.fieldmuseum.org/plan\\_visit/free\\_days.htm](http://www.fieldmuseum.org/plan_visit/free_days.htm) for a complete listing of free days or call (312)665-7300 for more information. Admission charges still apply to special exhibitions.

### **How do I get to The Field Museum?**

The Field Museum is located on Chicago's beautiful lakefront campus. Take Lake Shore Drive to the 18<sup>th</sup> Street exit. Follow Museum Campus drive and posted signs. See our website for detailed map.

### **Where can I park?**

Flat rate parking is available in various lots on the Museum Campus. If you are arriving by motorcoach, see the next column for bus specific parking.

### **How do individuals (less than 15 in a party) purchase tickets?**

You can purchase individual advance tickets by calling 1-866-FIELD-03 or by visiting our website.

### **What about Bears Game Days?**

We do not accept group reservations on Chicago Bears Game days. The NFL schedule is released in the April preceding the annual NFL season. At that time, we will contact all groups scheduled on those days and work with the group leader to reschedule the group.

### **Is there an additional charge to view Sue the T. rex?**

No, Sue is included with the basic admission price.

### **How and when do I purchase tickets for groups of 15 or more?**

Please fill out a Group Sales reservation form and fax or mail it to us or visit our web-site to fill out an on-line reservation request form. Due to the availability of certain exhibitions, we urge you to book your group as far in advance as possible. Although we can take your booking up until the week prior to your visit, we appreciate at least a month's notice. We cannot arrange docent tours or food service without at least two weeks notice. All tickets and services are subject to availability.

### **Will I receive confirmation of my group order?**

Within 2-3 days of sending in your reservation form, you will receive a group confirmation along with payment procedures and other group policies. A 50% deposit is due within 2 weeks. Final group numbers and final payment are due 2 weeks prior to visit date. Cancellation with full refund is available if made no later than 2 weeks prior to visit date.

### **How does our group check-in?**

All groups should enter through **EAST** Entrance. This entrance provides barrier free access. Please send a group leader to the Group Sales desk to check-in. Tickets are not printed for groups. If you require printed tickets, you must make your request at least 10 days in advance of your visit. A convenience fee will be charged and the tickets will be mailed to you.

### **Is there a group discount for temporary exhibitions?**

Groups of 15 or more receive discounted rates. See attached exhibition description page for details of current offerings.

### **Where can our bus park?**

Free parking is available in designated areas west of the Museum at the intersection of Roosevelt and Canal. See [http://www.fieldmuseum.org/plan\\_visit/parking\\_map.htm](http://www.fieldmuseum.org/plan_visit/parking_map.htm) for maps. Parking is also available for a fee at the Adler Planetarium's lot. Motorcoaches cannot stage on Solidarity Drive or the Museum drop-off areas. There is a designated turnaround at the East Entrance.

### **Where can our group enjoy lunch?**

The Field Museum is proud to offer Corner Bakery Catering on-site designed expressly for groups like yours. We also offer themed menus based on special exhibitions. See attached menu or ask for details.

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# EXHIBITIONS

## Exhibitions in 2008 and Beyond

### **Special Exhibitions**

#### **Mythic Creatures: Dragons, Unicorns, and Mermaids**

**March 21, 2008 – September 1, 2008**

This exhibition will trace the cultural and natural history roots of these legendary beasts. Featuring preserved specimens and fossils of prehistoric animals, the exhibition investigates how they could have inspired the development of these mythical beings and reveals their enduring wonder, terror and appeal. Specially ticketed exhibition.

#### **Nature Unleashed: Inside Natural Disasters**

**May 23, 2008 – January 4, 2009**

Earthquakes. Tornadoes. Hurricanes. Volcanic eruptions. Tsunamis. Over the centuries, these natural events have been caused by forces behind Earth's geology and meteorology. While humans cannot stop these forces, our actions can have a strong impact on how frequently they occur and how damaging they are when they happen. Specially ticketed exhibition.

#### **The Aztec World**

**November 1, 2008 – April 19, 2009**

Discover the sophistication and complexity of the vast but short-lived Aztec Empire during the 16th century. View more than 250 beautiful objects of stone, ceramic, and precious metals that offer a new perspective on aspects of Aztec culture, including religion, cosmology, and human sacrifice. Specially ticketed exhibition.

#### **Real Pirates: The Untold Story of The *Whydah* from Slave Ship to Pirate Ship**

**March – October, 2009**

Embark on a journey back to the Golden Age of Piracy and the early 18<sup>th</sup> century Caribbean and witness over 150 authentic pirate artifacts. The exhibition follows the slave ship *Whydah* – the most advanced vessel of her day – and her capture by Sam Bellamy and his pirate crew. In 1717, the *Whydah* sank off the coast of Cape Cod packed with plunder. She lay undiscovered until 1984, and is the first authenticated pirate ship ever found.

#### **The Nature of Diamonds**

**October 23, 2009 – March 28, 2010**

Glamorous. Dazzling. Ancient. Born from billions of years of crushing geological force, diamond is an extraordinary mineral. Its beauty has been prized by cultures as a symbol of strength, wealth, and love; its mystery has inspired extravagant myths.

#### **Gold: Natural Treasure, Cultural Obsession**

**October 22, 2010 – April 24, 2011**

Gold tells the fascinating story of the world's most desired metal, exploring its natural beauty, scientific value, and its power to shape history.

### **Permanent Exhibitions**

The Field Museum is home to Sue, the world's largest, most complete, and most famous T. rex, plus more than 35 other world-renowned exhibitions. We've got the man-eating Lions of Tsavo, 23 Egyptian mummies and a re-created Egyptian tomb. Be dazzled in our Halls of Gems or Jades or awed in one the nation's finest collections of Native American artifacts. In the Underground Adventure exhibition, visitors can get magically shrunk to the size of a bug and explore a subterranean world where everything is 100 times its normal size.

#### **Sue**

See the world's largest, most complete, and most famous T. rex. This 67-million-year-old dinosaur has been heralded in the national and international media as a new star.

#### **Underground Adventure**

Get magically shrunk to a hundredth of your normal size to explore the world beneath your feet. Wander worm tunnels and meet soil critters twice your size. Find out how the diverse web of life just below the earth's surface sustains life above it. Specially ticketed exhibition.

#### **Evolving Planet**

Go on an awe-inspiring journey through 4 billion years of life on Earth, from single-celled organisms to towering dinosaurs and our extended human family. Unique fossils, animated videos, hands-on interactive displays, and recreated sea and landscapes help tell the compelling story of evolution-the single process that connects everything that's ever lived on Earth.

#### **The Ancient Americas**

Journey through 13,000 years of human ingenuity from Ice-Age mammoth hunters to the amazing empires of the Incas and Aztecs.

Please see Museum web-site and The Inside Scoop newsletter for all sponsor and organizer credit information.

Dates and exhibitions subject to change without notice.

For more information, please visit [www.fieldmuseum.org/exhibits](http://www.fieldmuseum.org/exhibits) or contact:

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ENHANCE

# The Field Museum

GUIDED  
PROGRAMS

When groups plan visits to Museums, they are intrigued by the many exhibits and collections housed there and many times want to know from an insider's perspective how things work and why they are the way they are. To answer that need, the Museum has created options for your group to make the best use of their time here.

## **Docent Led Tours**

*If you've chosen to see one of our life-long favorites in the permanent exhibitions, they'll lead your group on a tour of the collections and their highlights.*

## **Museum Highlights**

Tour the Museum's extensive, world-renowned exhibitions. Spend 30-45 minutes learning about the history of the Museum and allow our specialized docents to give you a one-of-a-kind tour!

## **Inside Ancient Egypt**

The *Inside Ancient Egypt* exhibition spans 4,000 years of ancient Egyptian history. Explore a mastaba, tomb chamber, Nile marsh and marketplace. Learn about mummification and hieroglyphs.

## **Sue**

Get down to the bare bones of the most complete and best preserved *T. rex* fossil ever discovered. Touchable casts of selected bones let visitors "diagnose" some of the abrasions that have been found in Sue's massive skeleton.

Ask about other tours including a **bird watching excursion** through the Museum; a **19th century meeting house from New Zealand** featuring exquisite carvings; or the rich tradition and contemporary life of the **Eskimo and Northwest Coast peoples**.

## **Docent Presentations**

*If you've chosen to see a once-in-a-lifetime special exhibition, they'll provide you with an expert introduction before you enter the exhibition and then, as space permits, mingle with your group to facilitate their visit while in the exhibition to provide more insight as they visit on their own.*

**\$4 per person. One docent per 15-20 visitors is provided. Due to space constraints, group may be segmented into smaller groups.**

## **Behind The Scenes Tours**

Did you know that The Field Museum houses nearly 23 million specimens and artifacts? Less than 1% of those are on display to the public! Explore the storerooms, libraries and working laboratories that house these exquisite and unique collections during a new Behind-the-Scenes Tour.

Enhance your trip to The Field Museum by making it a fun-filled full day event!

- **Museum Favorites:** Begin your day with a tour of our Museum favorites. This docent-led tour will highlight the Museum's history, our most-loved animals and our docent's favorite secrets.
- **Behind the Scenes:** Jump into the behind-the-scenes tour for a look into private collections and to see our scientists in action.
- **Lunch Break**
- **Special Exhibition Viewing**

**Tour price starts at \$59 per person for a minimum of 25 guests and includes admission to the Museum.**

## **Performance Opportunities and Clinic Space**

Now offering festival, performance venue, and clinic space for student groups booking through Tour Operators. Ask for more details. Performance venue sheet (sent separately) must accompany the regular group ticket order.

## **Audio Tours**

Occasionally our special exhibitions include audio tours that provide a more in-depth perspective provided in a personalized atmosphere. Hear historical background and insider tips on what not to miss in the exhibition.

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**Individual Meals**

**Deli Platter Meals**

**Lunches.....\$9.49 per person**  
Each individual bag includes a sliced harvest bread sandwich, seasonal fruit salad, chips and a sweet treat. Sandwich choices are roasted turkey, ham, tuna or cheddar/swiss cheese. They are served with lettuce and tomato on top; mustard and mayonnaise on the side. Chilled, bottled water is included – one/person. Hot tea or coffee can be added for an additional fee of \$25.00 per box. Iced Tea can be added for \$20.00 per box (1 box serves 12 people). Individual sodas can be added or substituted for \$1.59 per item.

**Kidz Meal.....\$5.99 per child**  
Each individual bag includes a small simple sandwich, a carton of milk, whole fruit, chips and a cookie. Sandwich choices are turkey, peanut butter and jelly, or cheese.

**Snacks.....\$4.59 per person**  
Each individual bag includes a fudge brownie or raspberry bar. Chilled bottled water is included or you may specify coffee or lemonade, which comes in a specially insulated box and is served in cups. Individual sodas can be added or substituted for \$1.59 per item.

**The To-Go Feature** makes any individual meal portable. Available for pick up from the Corner Bakery just as your group is getting back on the motorcoach. You can take it with you to your next destination or for the trip home!

**Continental Breakfast.....\$7.59 per person**  
Includes a muffin and bagel basket accompanied by butter, cream cheese and preserves, orange juice and coffee with condiments.

**Assorted Sandwich Meal.....\$13.99 per person**  
Includes an assortment of three sandwiches: chicken pesto, turkey & swiss, and tomato mozzarella; seasonal salad (for example: mixed green or pasta salad;) and a basket of assorted sweets. Chilled, bottled water is included – one/person. Hot tea or coffee can be added for an additional fee of \$25.00 per box. Iced tea can be added for \$20.00 per box (1 box serves 12 people). Individual sodas can be added or substituted for \$1.59 per item.

**Afternoon Tea.....\$5.99 per person**  
Includes a basket of assorted sweets accompanied by hot brewed tea and coffee.

**Just added!** Ask about our themed lunches for several upcoming exhibitions. Also, formal seated luncheons are available.

A **\$65 staffing fee** is required for all meals. All orders require a minimum of two week's notice. Lettuce Entertain You Frequent Diner points are not applicable with these orders. Prices are subject to change without notice.

All costs above include food service as listed; space for your group to eat (as designated by the Museum;) and appropriate tables and chairs for your group. All food service provided on disposables. Prices above do not include 11.25% local sales tax. If your organization qualifies as tax exempt, you must send in your tax exemption letter with the appropriate number listed.

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All prices include Basic Admission		Retail	Group Rate
<b>Gold Pass</b> <i>Our Best Seller!</i> Check One Special Exhibition on the Reservation Form	Adult (18 – 64)	\$22.00	\$17.00
	Child (ages 4-11)	\$12.00	\$8.00
	Senior (65+) Student (12-17)	\$19.00	\$12.50
<b>Platinum Pass</b> Check Two Special Exhibitions on the Reservation Form	Adult (18 – 64)	\$28.00	\$19.75
	Child (ages 4-11)	\$15.00	\$9.75
	Senior (65+) Student (12-17)	\$25.00	\$15.25
<b>Platinum Pass Plus One</b> Check Three Special Exhibitions on the Reservation Form	Adult (18 – 64)	\$25.00	\$22.50
	Child (ages 4-11)	\$12.00	\$10.75
	Senior (65+) Student (12-17)	\$20.00	\$18.00
<b>Silver Pass</b> Basic Admission	Adult (18 – 64)	\$14.00	\$10.75
	Child (ages 4-11)	\$9.00	\$6.25
	Senior (65+) Student (12-17)	\$11.00	\$6.25

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# RESERVATION FORM

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Your Name	Telephone Number
Group Name	Fax Number
Your Group's Zip Code	E-mail Address
Group's Address	City/State/Zip
Your Company (if different than group)	
Your Company Address (if different than group)	

When would you like to visit the Museum? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

What TIME would you like to arrive at the Museum? \_\_\_\_\_ Depart? \_\_\_\_\_

Which of our exciting SPECIAL EXHIBITS would you like to see?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Underground Adventure</b><br><i>Permanent Special Exhibition</i>                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Real Pirates: The Untold Story of The Whydah from Slave Ship to Pirate Ship</b><br><i>March – October 2009</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mythic Creatures: Dragons, Unicorns and Mermaids</b><br><i>March 21, 2008 – September 1, 2008</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Nature of Diamonds</b><br><i>October 23, 2009 – March 28, 2010</i>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Nature Unleashed: Inside Natural Disasters</b><br><i>May 23, 2008 – January 4, 2009</i>           | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Gold: Natural Treasure, Cultural Obsession</b><br><i>October 22, 2010 – April 24, 2011</i>                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Aztecs</b><br><i>November 1, 2008 - April 19, 2009</i>  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Would you like to include an audio tour?   |  |

How many people are coming? \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Students \_\_\_\_\_ Seniors \_\_\_\_\_  
 (ages 4-11) (ages 12-17) (ages 65+)

- Would you like to plan for BREAKFAST, LUNCH or a SNACK for your group?**
- See Menu/Themed Lunches pages and check here. We will follow up 2 weeks prior to your visit for your order.
- Which food provider would you like (circle one):                      **Corner Bakery**                      **Themed Lunch**

- Would you like to request a GUIDED PROGRAM for one of our permanent or special exhibitions?**
- See Guided Programs page for more information and check here.

Which program are you requesting? \_\_\_\_\_

***Ticket and Service availability subject to change without notice.***

