

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!

Here's a summary of what's included:

- **Frequently Asked Questions** – and their answers!
- **Exhibitions** – a quick synopsis of what's new
- **Guided Programs** – ways to enhance your group's visit
- **Menu** – options for snacks or meals for groups
- **Rates** – discounts for groups of 15 or more
- **Reservation Form** – use this to send us your info

Also, ask us about:

- **After-Hours Receptions**
- **Behind-the-Scenes Tours**

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

## General Questions

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

We are open Monday-Sunday 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 up to date details. [www.fieldmuseum.org](http://www.fieldmuseum.org)

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

Visitors arriving any weekday by 10am or after 2pm 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 may 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 10 in a party) purchase tickets?**

You can purchase individual advance tickets by calling 1-312-922-9410 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 proceeding 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.

## Group Questions

### **How and when do I purchase tickets for groups of 10 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 10 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. Click [HERE](#) for motorcoach parking 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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## Limited Engagement Ticketed Exhibitions

### **The Horse**

**Closes August 14, 2011**

Horses have been racing across the landscape for more than 50 million years – but once horses and humans encountered each other, our two species became powerfully linked. *The Horse* showcases spectacular fossils and cultural objects from around the world.

### **Whales**

**May 20, 2011 – January 16, 2012**

Did you know that a blue whale is the same size as a 737 airplane, or that its tongue alone weighs more than a whole elephant? For years, we have wondered over whales from afar. Now, immerse yourself in their vibrant underwater world and discover one of the mightiest animals on Earth like never before.

### **Chocolate**

**October 5, 2011 – January 8, 2012**

A unique tree in a lush tropical environment. A speed so precious it was used as money. A spicy drink and a sweet snack, chocolate is all this...and much more. Explore the relationship between human culture and this rainforest treasure in *Chocolate*, at Chicago's Field Museum.

### **Genghis Khan**

**February 20 – September 3, 2012**

Learn the story of Genghis Khan – his life, his land, his people, his culture – and his enduring legacy. Famous as a ruthless Mongol warlord, but revered as an innovative leader who brought unity, stability and much more to his people.

### **Extreme Mammals**

**May 26, 2012 – January 6, 2013**

Explore the surprising and extraordinary world of mammals. Showcasing creatures both tiny and huge who sport such weird features as over-sized claws, massive fangs, bizarre snouts, and amazing horns, and it includes what might be the most extreme mammals of all – ourselves.

## Permanent Exhibitions

The Field Museum is home to SUE, the world's largest and most complete *T. rex*! Discover *Inside Ancient Egypt*, where a re-created Egyptian tomb with 23 Egyptian mummies and 5,000 year-old hieroglyphics reside. Be awed in our *Native American Hall* or dazzled in our renovated *Grainger Halls of Gems* and *Hall of Jades*. Meet the famous man-eating Lions of Tsavo, or journey to the glittering Aztec empire in the *Ancient Americas Hall*. Explore our Dinosaur Hall -- *Evolving Planet* -- where giant sloths, woolly mammoths and dinosaurs roam!

### **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 star.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Hall of Jades and the Grainger Hall of Gems**

Dazzle your eyes with all that glitters and then some! Marvel at gleaming gems, sparkling diamonds – even a Tiffany stained glass window in the *Grainger Hall of Gems*. Then, visit the *Hall of Jades* and see why people in China have treasured jade for more than eight thousand years. Beautiful pieces of jewelry and stone will capture your eye in these two stunning exhibitions.

## Newly Added – Theater Experience

### **Ernst & Young 3-D Theater**

This is Chicago's only completely digital 3-D theater using state-of-the-art technology. *Specially ticketed show.*

## **Waking the T. rex 3D: The Story of SUE**

Visited by millions, the world famous *T. rex* named SUE stands guard over the halls of The Field Museum. In an exciting 3D film experience like no other, see what dinosaur life was really like for this colossal *T. rex*. Journey along with SUE as it grows from a hatchling to a 7-ton ferocious beast. Learn the amazing story of how the *T. rex* was found in the dusty badlands of South Dakota and join in a real fossil excavation with Field Museum paleontologists as they search for ancient fossils.

Please see Museum website for all sponsor and organizer credit information.  
Dates and exhibitions subject to change without notice.

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With over 26 million artifacts in The Field Museum collections, groups often ask how to make the best use of their time. Many groups are also interested in getting an insiders perspective on how things work at the museum and unique stories about our artifacts. With these questions in mind, we've worked with our docent and curatorial staff to create the following options for your group to maximize their time here.

### **Docent Led Tours**

Based in our permanent collections, Field Museum docents will lead your group on a tour of the collections and their highlights. Sample tours include:

- **Museum Highlights**  
Tour the Museum's extensive, world-renowned collections. Spend 45-60 minutes learning about the history of the Museum and allow our specialized docents to share their favorite secrets!
- **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, Field Museum docents will provide you with an expert introduction and exhibition overview 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 the group explores the special exhibition on their own.

**All docent tours and presentations are \$5 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 26 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 Behind-the-Scenes Tour.

Your full day, Behind the Scenes tour experience includes --

- **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:** Dig deeper into the behind-the-scenes tour for a look into private collections and to see our scientists in action.
- **Lunch Break**
- **Special Exhibition Viewing**
- **Museum visit – on your own**

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

### **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.

Pricing varies per special exhibition.

Please give us at least two weeks notice when requesting a Guided Programs

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### Individual Meals

### Deli Platter Meals

**Lunches.....\$13.49 per person**  
 Each individual bag includes a sliced harvest bread sandwich, soft drink, 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.

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



**Food Vouchers.....\$10.00 pp plus \$25.00 service fee**  
 A flexible way to provide a meal for your group and allows group members to eat on their own in the Corner Bakery Café.

**Assorted Sandwiches.....\$18.49 per person**  
 Includes a basket assortment of three sandwiches: chicken pesto, turkey & swiss, and tomato mozzarella; soft drinks, seasonal fruit medley salad and a basket of assorted sweets.

**Muffin and Bagel Breakfast.....\$3.99 per person**  
 Includes a muffin and bagel basket accompanied by butter, cream cheese and preserves. Choose beverages from options below.

**Afternoon Snack.....\$3.99 per person**  
 Includes a sweets basket of freshly baked cookies, Bundt bites, brownies and bars. Choose beverages from options below.

<b>Beverages</b> – single serve, chilled bottles or cans	
Bottled water	\$ 3 each
Soft drinks (Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite)	\$ 2 each
<i>Includes cups, straws and ice</i>	
<b>Beverages</b> – served in 1 gallon (serves 10) or 3 gallon (serves 30) insulated boxes	
Choice of Iced Tea, Lemonade, Hot Tea, Hot Chocolate or Coffee	
1 gallon box – serves up to 12	\$21 each
3 gallon box – serves up to 30	\$58 each
<i>Includes cups, straws, stir sticks, half &amp; half, and sweeteners as appropriate.</i>	

**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!

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 tax. If your organization is tax exempt, you must send in your tax exemption letter with the appropriate number listed.

All prices subject to change without notice. All Tickets and Services are subject to availability. At least two weeks notice is required to provide food service.

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**We have created new admission packages  
that simplify the choices you can make for your group.**

- **All Access Pass** allows your group members to experience all the Museum has to offer during their visit while giving them the most flexibility. It includes all ticketed exhibitions and choice of one 3D movie.
- **Discovery Pass** allows the choice of one limited engagement exhibition when you have less time to visit the Museum. It includes Basic Admission and gives the option of choosing one ticketed exhibition or 3D movie.

All prices include Basic Admission		Retail	Group Rate
<b>All Access Pass</b> <b>BEST VALUE!</b> Includes access to all exhibitions and choice of one 3D movie	Adult	\$29.00	\$25.00
	Senior	\$24.00	\$21.00
	Student	\$24.00	\$21.00
	Child	\$19.00	\$17.00
<b>Discovery Pass</b> Includes access to one ticketed exhibition or 3D movie	Adult	\$22.00	\$20.75
	Senior	\$18.00	\$17.00
	Student	\$18.00	\$17.00
	Child	\$15.00	\$11.75
<b>Basic Admission</b> Includes 35 permanent exhibitions	Adult	\$15.00	\$13.50
	Senior	\$12.00	\$10.75
	Student	\$12.00	\$10.75
	Child	\$10.00	\$9.00

*Pricing effective for visits beginning January 1, 2011*

**\*Net Rates available for Professional Tour Operators/Travel Agents. Call for details.**

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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 EXHIBITIONS would you like to see?

- Underground Adventure**  
*Permanent Special Exhibition*
- New 3-D Theater presented by Ernst & Young**  
*Permanent, show schedule varies.*
- The Horse**  
*February 18, 2011—August 14, 2011*
- The Whale | Tohora**  
*May 20, 2011—January 16, 2012*  
 Would you like to include a docent presentation?
- Chocolate**  
*October 5, 2011 – January 8, 2012*
- Genghis Khan**  
*February 20, 2012 – September 8, 2012*
- Extreme Mammals**  
*May 26, 2012 – January 6, 2013*

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

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Students \_\_\_\_\_ Seniors \_\_\_\_\_  
(ages 3-11) (ages 12-17) (ages 65+)

- Would you like to plan for BREAKFAST, LUNCH or a SNACK for your group?**
  - See Menu/Themed Lunches pages for more information 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**—Bagged Lunch **Corner Bakery**—Meal Voucher

- Would you like to request a MUSEUM HIGHLIGHTS/ OTHER DOCENT TOUR or a BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR for your group?**
  - See Guided Programs page for more information and check here.

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

- If you are a student group, are you planning to perform at the Museum?** Please circle one. **Yes** **No**
  - o Performance venue sheet must accompany this ticket reservation order. Please call for details.

Ticket and Service availability subject to change without notice.