

Before You Visit the Museum

Hi everyone,

We heard you want to visit the Steinhardt Museum at Tel Aviv University. If you like animals and plants—this is the place for you! We're here at the Museum, looking forward to meeting you.

Before you come, there are some things you should know:

The Steinhardt Museum is a big, five-story building:



This is what the entrance to the Museum looks like from the street:



At the Museum you can visit the exhibitions and learn about animals and plants in Israel.

Our Museum is accessible to wheelchairs.

Lots of people like to visit our Museum, so sometimes it's a bit noisy and crowded.

If you want a quieter visit, you should come at these times:

During vacations and holidays: from two in the afternoon

During the school year: from one in the afternoon

On each floor there is:

- 1. An elevator and accessible toilets next to the elevator:



Elevator



Toilets

- 2. An accessible passageway that connects one floor to another:



- 3. Guides who are happy to help and answer questions.
How can you tell who are the guides? By their smile and t-shirt.



Help us look after the Museum and the display items in the exhibitions:

1. Leave your bags in the lockers on Floor 1 next to the toilets:



2. Are you hungry? You can eat in the café or deck on Floor:



What can you see at the Museum?

At the Museum there are lots of stuffed animals. Stuffed animals are like statues of animals. Once they were real animals. After they died, their bodies were preserved in a special way, so they look just like when they were alive. When you visit the Museum you can look at the stuffed animals up close.



Remember—even stuffed animals that look big and scary are not alive, so you don't have to be frightened of them.



You can find out where these animals are using the map and this symbol:



What can you **hear** at the Museum?

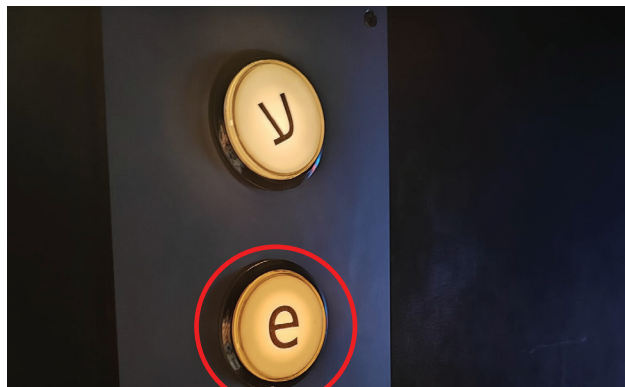
In some of the exhibitions there are:

- Animal sounds. The sounds you will hear come out of speakers in the rooms.
- Hearing buttons that you can press to hear a story or explanation.
- Visitors' voices (especially when there are a lot of visitors).



Where are the quieter areas of the Museum?

- In the viewing rooms on Floor 1. You can stop the film with a long press on the button with the letter e.
- In the exhibition on Floor 4.



What can you **touch** at the Museum?

- Touch screens
- Display items marked with this symbol:



What are you **not** allowed to touch at the Museum?

- The stuffed animals. If we touch the stuffed animals they'll get destroyed.
- The display windows.
- The glass boxes containing live insects.
- Anything marked with this symbol:



Now that you know what you can see and hear and what you're allowed to touch, **you can visit the exhibitions:**

On the entrance floor you can visit the exhibition **Bugs and Beyond**. Here you can see insects inside glass boxes and discover amazing things about these little creatures. Don't worry, the insects can't get out of the glass boxes.



Next to the exhibition there is an accessible passageway with an exhibition of insects in dark places, **Life in the Dark**:



Going up from the entrance floor to Floor 1 there is an exhibition called **Israel's Landscapes**. In this exhibition you can learn about different types of nature in Israel, like a woodland or a desert, and discover which animals live in each one.



On Floor 1 you'll see a large cheetah on the wall. That means you are at the exhibition **Form and Function**. In this exhibition you can learn how an animal's body helps it to eat, fly, hide from predators and more... so it can survive in the place where it lives.



Next to the exhibition there is an accessible passageway with videos about life in the water.



When you see two big stuffed animals—a lion and a bear—that means you are at the exhibition **The Human Impact**. Here you can learn about how people change their environment. If you want, you can watch interesting videos in the viewing rooms in the exhibition.



There is another exhibition on Floor 1 – it's called **The Web of Life**. This exhibition teaches us how plants and animals connect to each other – who eats whom, who competes with whom, who helps whom.



Later, you'll reach Floor 2 and the exhibition Treasures of Biodiversity. Here you can see some of the animal items in the Museum's collections.



There are more than six million animal items in the Museum's collections!!! You can peek through the windows and see some of the items and collection cabinets.



At the end of the second floor there is an exit to the deck, where you can rest or eat.



On Floor 3 there is a **temporary exhibition**. At the moment we have an art exhibition that uses videos, which you can see on the walls. Pay attention—this exhibition is dark; it has big screens with videos and loud noise in the background.



And what's on Floor 4? If you want to know how people got to be the way we are today, go up to Floor 4 to the exhibition **What Makes Us Human?**



That's it! You're ready to visit.

If you have more questions, you can call us on the telephone: 073-3802000 (or send a WhatsApp message) or send us an email: smnh@tauex.tau.ac.il or you can talk to one of the people at the reception desk in the Museum lobby.

We hope to see you really soon.