

Virtual Tours - Museums, Parks, Heritage Sites, Operas, and More

During this time of home-schooling, it is important that students are able to access the resources museums have to offer. The following list is only a handful of museums in the United States and the world that are offering virtual tours. Google Arts & Culture has teamed up with over 2500 museums and galleries around the world to bring anyone and everyone virtual tours and online exhibits of some of the most famous museums around the world. Some museums are taking it upon themselves to offer online visits. According to *Fast Company*, the Louvre also offers virtual tours on its website (<https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>).

To see more of Google Arts & Culture's collection of museums, visit the collection's website (<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner?hl=en&tab=pop>). There are thousands of museum Street Views on Google as well (<https://artsandculture.google.com/search/streetview?hl=en>). Google Arts & Culture also has an online experience for exploring famous historic and cultural heritage sites (<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/openheritage>).

And if that's not enough culture for you, New York's Metropolitan Opera will be offering free digital shows every night at 7:30 p.m.

(<https://www.travelandleisure.com/culture-design/music/metropolitan-opera-offering-free-virtual-shows>). Now you can even go "outside" with incredible virtual tours of some of America's best national parks

(<https://www.travelandleisure.com/trip-ideas/national-parks/virtual-national-parks-tours>).

- The Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History has current and past exhibits online available to "walk through." In the *Fossils of Deep Time* area of the museum, students can see two reconstructed dinosaurs fighting, or take a look at our early human ancestors in *Human Origins*. <https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>
- The National Constitution Center offers this interactive constitution that discusses each clause of the constitution, looking at differing interpretations of the clauses over time, and areas where politicians agree and disagree in certain areas. <https://constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution>
- The British Museum in London offers its most interesting artifacts, ordered chronologically and categorically. Some of the stars of the collection are the Rosetta Stone and Egyptian mummies. <https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>
- The Chicago Science and Industry Museum allows us to look at their most fascinating exhibits online. Students can explore the *Baby Chick Hatchery*, there they will learn about DNA, or visit *Farm Tech* and see how the food we eat is produced.

[https://www.msichicago.org/explore/whats-here/?tx_experiences_filterableexperiencelist\[ty\]pe\]=Exhibit](https://www.msichicago.org/explore/whats-here/?tx_experiences_filterableexperiencelist[ty]pe]=Exhibit)

- Worldwide Museum of National History has an amazing gallery of fossils and rocks. Encourage students to check out dinosaur fossils and even learn about the history of geology. <http://www.wmnh.com/>
- The National Park Service's website provides a virtual tour of their main attractions including Yellowstone National Park. <https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm>
- This virtual tour of the White House gives a full tour of the building. Detailing the art that is displayed there and giving stories of important historical events that have taken place in the White House, this tour is a great opportunity for students to see where some of our nation's history unfolded. <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-white-house>
- The website of the Guggenheim Museum in New York lets visitors tour the Guggenheim's famous spiral staircase without ever leaving home. From there, you can discover incredible works of art from the Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, Modern and Contemporary eras. https://artsandculture.google.com/streetview/solomon-r-guggenheim-museum-interior-street-view/jAHfbv3JGM2KaQ?hl=en&sv_lng=-73.95902634325634&sv_lat=40.78285751667664&sv_h=10.75703204567916&sv_p=0.06928383072430222&sv_pid=MfnUmHRyOSzMtY3vtYU05g&sv_z=0.9645743015259169
- The National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., features two online exhibits through Google. The first is an exhibit of American fashion from 1740 to 1895, including many renderings of clothes from the colonial and Revolutionary eras. The second is a collection of works from Dutch Baroque painter Johannes Vermeer. <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/national-gallery-of-art-washington-dc?hl=en>
- Musée d'Orsay, Paris. You can virtually walk through this popular gallery that houses dozens of famous works from French artists who worked and lived between 1848 and 1914. Get a peek at artworks from Monet, Cézanne, and Gauguin, among others. <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/musee-dorsay-paris?hl=en>
- National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul. One of Korea's popular museums can be accessed from anywhere around the world. Google's virtual tour takes you through six floors of Contemporary art from Korea and all over the globe. <https://artsandculture.google.com/asset/national-museum-of-modern-and-contemporary-art-korea-in-gawcheon/wQFm4MOZW8LRyA?hl=en>

- Pergamon Museum, Berlin. As one of Germany's largest museums, Pergamon has a lot to offer – even if you can't physically be there. This historical museum is home to plenty of ancient artifacts including the Ishtar Gate of Babylon and, of course, the Pergamon Altar. <https://artsandculture.google.com/entity/pergamon/m05tcm?hl=en>
- Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam. Explore the masterworks from the Dutch Golden Age, including works from Vermeer and Rembrandt. Google offers a Street View tour of this iconic museum, so you can feel as if you're actually wandering its halls. https://artsandculture.google.com/streetview/rijksmuseum/iwH5aYGoPwSf7g?hl=en&sv_lng=4.885283712508563&sv_lat=52.35984312584405&sv_h=291.1699875145569&sv_p=-5.924133903625474&sv_pid=fOVcUXQW2wpRf33iUmxEfg&sv_z=0.9999999999999997
- Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam. Anyone who is a fan of this tragic, ingenious painter can see his works up close (or, almost up close) by virtually visiting this museum – the largest collection of artworks by Vincent van Gogh, including over 200 paintings, 500 drawings, and over 750 personal letters. <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/van-gogh-museum?hl=en>
- The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles. European artworks from as far back as the 8th Century can be found in this California art museum. Take a Street View tour to discover a huge collection of paintings, drawings, sculptures, manuscripts, and photographs. <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-j-paul-getty-museum?hl=en>
- Uffizi Gallery, Florence. This less well-known gallery houses the art collection of one of Florence, Italy's most famous families, the de'Medicis. The building was designed by Giorgio Vasari in 1560 specifically for Cosimo I de'Medici, but anyone can wander its halls from anywhere in the world. <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/uffizi-gallery?hl=en>
- MASP, São Paulo. The Museu de Arte de São Paulo is a non-profit and Brazil's first modern museum. Artworks placed on clear perspex frames make it seem like the artwork is hovering in midair. Take a virtual tour to experience the wondrous display for yourself. <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/masp?hl=en>
- National Museum of Anthropology, Mexico City. Built in 1964, this museum is dedicated to the archaeology and history of Mexico's pre-Hispanic heritage. There are 23 exhibit rooms filled with ancient artifacts, including some from the Mayan civilization. <https://artsandculture.google.com/asset/the-national-museum-of-anthropology-mexico-city-ziko-van-dijk-wikimedia-commons/bAGSHRdlzSRcdQ?hl=en>