

Start Making Museums a Part of Your Vacation Experience

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Museums are essential to our communities and a major part of the Cultural Tourism in this country. The dictionary describes a museum as a building or place where works of art, scientific specimens, or other objects of permanent collection are kept and displayed. Over half of the 20 most visited museums are located in Paris, New York and Washington, D.C.

Billions of dollars are invested in museum educational programs for the youth and are leading research institutions. On the premises of some museums are living collections, such as Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums.

Tour Guides, Historians and Curators have a wealth of information not only on the museums exhibitions but the local area too. These Cultural Institutions are a true paradise for the history buff and tourists seeking a quest for knowledge. They also have a way of bringing the past into the future.

In larger cities, museums have massive exhibits that includes beautiful glass displays, elaborate paintings, sculptures and monuments that are a must see. Some exhibits become alive with color, technology, culture and history while tackling controversial subjects. Elegant speakers, prolific writers, musicians and artists have graced the walls of museums. Many offer free days and the median cost in the U.S. is \$7.00. In the Washington, D.C., admission to a lot of museums are free. Children's Museums are becoming ever so popular because it offers hands on exhibits which are sure to get a child's attention.

According to The American Association of Museums, New York University has distinguished itself as one of the leading innovators in the field of museum studies. The University have produced museum administrators, curators, educators, writers, collection managers, historians and exhibition consultants. The American Association of Museums have been bringing museums together for many years

and their purpose is to gather and share knowledge while providing advocacy on issues in the museum community.

The Louvre Museum, in Paris is indeed an Art lovers dream with over 35,000 exhibits. Always support Museums because they are vital part of the world. A great way of supporting museums is volunteering and obtaining an individual or family membership. Museums rely heavily on the local community because plenty are non-profit organizations. Some have struggled during the recession and rely on their permanent collections as a replacement for special exhibitions.

Many have visited museums or Cultural Institutions because they were invited to an event that was taken place there. Other motivational reasons for visiting is out of curiosity or educational reasons. Schools take field trips to museums constantly. Just recently a family member had their wedding reception at a museum. Upon doing my own personal survey, many friends and family members visit museums and have a variety of types of museums they visit. Some preferred history, others science based and art museums.

According to statista.com museums and historical sites generate more than 13 billion U.S. dollars in revenue and the Metropolitan Museum of Art is the most visited in the United States.

On a global scale the Metropolitan Museum of Art is outranked by the Louvre in Paris and the British Museum in London, England in terms of visitor numbers.

Museums, again are works of art, masterpieces and amazing views. So, why not connect emotionally and intellectually in a comfortable building (museums) for a few hours while educating yourself on something new.

Happy and Safe Travels!

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