Welcome to the National Gallery of Art

The National Gallery of Art houses one of the finest art collections in the world, focusing on Western painting, sculpture, drawing, printmaking, and photography from the Middle Ages to the present.

The National Gallery is open every day except December 25 and January 1. Find current hours at nga.gov/visit. Admission is always free. www.nga.gov 202.737.4215

As we reopen from our pandemic closures, you may find some galleries closed at times. We apologize for any inconvenience, and we are working to ensure full access to our collection.

West Building

The West Building is home to European paintings and sculptures from the 13th to early 20th centuries with decorative arts, the Kaufman Collection of American furniture, and rotating installations of prints, drawings, rare books, and photographs.

East Building

The East Building presents modern and contemporary works by artists from around the world as well as special exhibitions.

Sculpture Garden

The Sculpture Garden is a unique setting for monumental modern sculptures.

Membership

The National Gallery of Art offers a National Membership program for individuals. Memberships start at $50 a year and include benefits such as a member e-newsletter and a 10 percent discount in the National Gallery of Art Shops, onsite and online. National Members help us broaden outreach, expand the collection, present new special exhibitions, and more.

To become a member visit nga.gov/join.

Library

The library houses more than 400,000 volumes on Western art and architecture dating to the Middle Ages and a superlative collection of rare books — invaluable resources for researchers. Library exhibitions examine the role of books and other text materials in art history. For more information, visit nga.gov/library or call 202.842.6026 (image collections).

Study Rooms

Specific prints, drawings, and photographs not on view may be seen by appointment. Visit nga.gov/research for details.

Programs and Information

Free public Wi-Fi: NGA_Public_WiFi

Visit nga.gov/tours to find audio tours of the collection and special exhibitions as well as other offerings. Featured selections from the East and West Buildings are available in ASL, English, French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, and Spanish.

The interactive welcome kiosk in the West Building Rotunda allows visitors to customize their experience by browsing thematic tours of the Main Floor that feature popular topics and artists.

Visit nga.gov/calendar for films, concerts, lectures, and family activities, and community events, presented virtually or onsite.

Visitor Policies

All bags will be inspected before they can be placed in the checkrooms or carried into the galleries. Luggage and other oversized bags will undergo X-ray screening. Items larger than 17 × 26 inches (43 × 66 centimeters) are not permitted in the checkrooms or galleries.

Free checkrooms are located at each entrance. Visitors must check luggage, oversized bags, and any other items that cannot be carried reasonably and safely in the galleries. The National Gallery reserves the right to refuse items and is not responsible for items held in the checkrooms.

Laptops, cameras, fur coats, and other items of value cannot be checked, but may be carried into the galleries. The National Gallery is not responsible for loss of or damage to items of value.

Visitors must either keep water bottles concealed or contained at all times or place them in bags and check them. Visitors must either keep umbrellas in their purses or backpacks or check them.

Children may not be carried on the shoulders of another person or in a backpack child carrier. Strollers are available at all entrances on a first-come, first-served basis.

Photography for personal use is permitted except where specifically prohibited. Monopods, tripods, and selfie sticks are not permitted inside National Gallery buildings.

Food and beverages are not allowed outside the food service areas.

Accessibility

The National Gallery is committed to making our collection, buildings, and programs accessible to all audiences.

To receive updates on our operational status, online resources, and programs, sign up for our weekly newsletter at nga.gov/subscribe.

Restaurants

For current hours, visit nga.gov/cafes.

Cascade Café

East Building, Concourse

Espresso & Gelato Bar

East Building, Concourse

Garden Café

West Building, Ground Floor

Pavilion Café

Sculpture Garden

Terrace Café

East Building, Upper Level Atrium (Top of escalator)

Shopping at the National Gallery

For current status, visit nga.gov/shops or shop online at shop.nga.gov.

West Building Shop, Ground Floor

Concourse North Shop

Concourse between East and West Buildings

Concourse South Shop

Concourse between East and West Buildings

East Building Shop

East Building, Concourse

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