

Welcome to *TEKTOK*
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The future starts today, not tomorrow.
~Pope John Paul II

Web Sites

Museum Day

18th May each year

- Few places in our world are more educational than museums. After all, where else could we hope to see so many pieces of actual history that tell so many stories about our ancestors? From prehistoric spears to Egyptian mummies, from ancient Greek sculptures to medieval armor, and from the first radio to the first planes used in war during WWI, museums have it all. Unfortunately, there are millions of people with direct access to museums that have never even visited one. There are many possible reasons for this—perhaps they think just looking at old things would be boring, or perhaps they are unaware just how different the world was in the past and see no reason to take interest. Whatever the reason for not taking advantage of the incredible amount of tangible knowledge museums offer, and regardless of age, Museum Day is the time to invest in education in its most fascinating form.
- The History of Museum Day
 - The International Council of Museums (ICOM) created International Museum Day in 1977. The organisation chooses a different theme for the day and coordinates every year. Some of the themes include globalisation, indigenous peoples, bridging culture gaps and caring for the environment. Every year since 1977, all of the museums in the world are invited to participate in this day to promote the role of museums around in the world, by organising enjoyable and free activities around the year's theme. International Museum Day has become steadily more popular since its creation, with International Museum Day 2009 being participated in by 20,000 museums in over 90 countries. In 2012, the number of participating museums had jumped to 30,000 in 129 countries.
- How to Celebrate Museum Day
 - There is no better way to celebrate Museum Day than to take a trip down to a nearby museum, either alone, with friends, or even your children if you feel they are old enough to appreciate the place. Depending on where you live, the museums you might be closest to could be ones connected with anything from farming to fashion,

from astronomy to archaeology, from art to natural history. If it turns out that the museums in your immediate area are not ones that would interest you, maybe you could consider a day trip to a nearby city to visit a museum better suited to your interests? Carpooling with a friend or two will make the trip cheaper and very possibly more interesting.

- Another thing to think about is how well you tolerate crowds. Museum Day is an increasingly popular worldwide event, so it is quite probably that many of the larger and better-known museums will be pretty crowded on this day, especially since many museums do not charge an entrance fee then. If you do not feel like standing in long lines to see every single thing or having to maneuver your way through crowds of people, paying more attention to not stepping on anyone's shoes than the objects on exhibition, you may want to visit the museum of your choice a few days before or after Museum Day. On weekdays, museums are often quiet places where one can come to study our ancestors' lifestyles and contemplate what motivated them to behave and develop as they did. However you decide to celebrate Museum day, don't let this opportunity to find out about the history of the human race go to waste!

[San Diego Natural History Museum](http://www.sdnhm.org/)

This site provides general information, exhibits, museum news, etc. about the San Diego Natural History Museum.

<http://www.sdnhm.org/>

[American Museum of Natural History](http://www.amnh.org/)

Online home of the American Museum of Natural History. Find out about the museum's latest events, exhibitions, and programs.

<http://www.amnh.org/>

[Discovery Media: MuseumStuff](http://www.museumstuff.com/)

MuseumStuff is a search engine and a web-based guide to art, history, and science museums and to museum-related informational resources, exhibits, educational and entertaining games, and activities.

<http://www.museumstuff.com/>

Hardware/Software

Red Dot

Suddenly have a photo opportunity in the frame while you are taking a video? Just tap the big white button beside the video red button and you will capture your image at the same time as filming your video.

Hints/Tips

A Little Flash

You can make your iPhone flashlight flash when you receive a call. Enabled this in *Settings>General>Accessibility* and make sure the LED Flash for Alerts setting is 'On'. Now you'll get a visual reminder when people make contact.

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

Why did the dog jump off the Empire State Building?

He wanted to make a hit on Broadway.

Why do firefighters need Dalmatians?

To help them find the fire hydrants.

Why does a dog scratch himself?

Because no one else knows where it itches.

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on May 19:

1795 Johns Hopkins philanthropist, founded Johns Hopkins University

1925 Malcolm X [Little] Omaha NE, assassinated leader of black muslims

1941 Nora Ephron New York NY, novelist/screenwriter/director (Sleepless in Seattle, You've Got Mail, Michael, Heartburn)

1945 Peter Townshend England, rock guitarist/vocalist/composer (The Who-Tommy)

1947 Jerry Hyman Brooklyn NY, rock singer/trombonist (Blood Sweat & Tears)

1951 Joey Ramone [Jeffrey Hyman] Forest Hills NY, punk rocker (Ramones-Baby I Love You)

1956 Steven Ford East Grand Rapids MI, actor (When Harry Met Sally, Young & Restless)/son of President Gerald Ford

1959 Nicole Brown Simpson Frankford Germany, Mrs OJ Simpson (murdered in 1994)

1976 Kevin Garnett NBA forward (Boston Celtics)

On This Day:

1506 Columbus selects his son Diego as sole heir

1568 English queen Elizabeth I arrests Scottish queen Mary

1588 Spanish Armada sets sail for Lisbon, bound to England

1635 France declares war on Spain 1643 Massachusetts Bay, Plymouth,

Connecticut & New Harbor form United Colonies of New England
1749 George II grants charter to Ohio Company to settle Ohio Valley
1848 Mexico gives Texas to US, ending the war 1862 Homestead Act becomes law provides cheap land for settlement of West
1884 Ringling Brothers circus premieres 1958 "South Pacific" soundtrack album goes to #1 & stays #1 for 31 weeks
1962 Stan Musial breaks Honus Wagner's National League hit record with 3,431
1967 US bombs Hanoi 1976 Senate establishes permanent Select Committee on Intelligence [oxymoron?]
1977 "Smokey & the Bandit" premieres
1981 Pirate Jim Bibby gives up a leadoff single to Brave Terry Harper, then retires the next 27 batters
1989 Dow Jones average passes 2,500 mark for 1st time, closes at 2,501.1
1989 Sue Ellen (Linda Gray) last appearance on Dallas
1992 27th Amendment ratified, prohibits Congress from raising its salary

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