

SCIENCE MUSEUM

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GROUP LEADER INFORMATION

WE'RE EXCITED TO BE MEETING YOU AND YOUR GROUP FOR ASTRONIGHTS.

This guide tells you everything you need to know to prepare for the night. There is a separate Camper Survival Guide for the children you are bringing.

ADULT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensuring your group follows the rules of Astronights on the registration form and as set out in the health and safety talk on the night
- Ensuring your group doesn't disturb those who are sleeping
- Participating and supporting your group during Astronights activities
- Disciplining your group

You are responsible for the behaviour and safety of your group. If our staff think you may be causing unreasonable offence to other visitors, impacting on the enjoyment of other campers, or are endangering yourself, others, or our property and collections, they will ask you to stop. Our staff have the authority to escort you from the museum premises if necessary.

Alcohol is prohibited at Astronights. If our staff believe you have been drinking, you may be asked to leave the museum.

There is no smoking, including e-cigarettes, in the building. We are unable to accommodate smoking breaks.

HOW DO WE GET TO THE MUSEUM?

Our address is:

Science Museum
Exhibition Road
South Kensington
London SW7 2DD

The nearest tube station is South Kensington, which is served by the District, Circle and Piccadilly lines. It is a five-minute walk from the museum.

We are unable to offer car parking facilities to any campers. Local parking is limited. For more information, please see the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea website.

WHAT SHOULD ADULTS BRING?

- Sleeping bag
- Pyjamas
- Wash kit/toiletries
- Evening snack (packed separately from your other belongings)
- Water bottle

There are no shower facilities on site.

YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO BRING:

- Eye mask (some lights are left on overnight for your safety)

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- Camp beds/inflatable beds
- Alcohol
- Candles
- Knives for cakes

The museum cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage of personal property brought by campers. We strongly recommend that the children in your group do not bring electronic devices whenever possible.

We sometimes conduct bag searches on arrival at the Science Museum. The searches look for restricted items and any other material considered a risk to our property, the collections or the health and safety and enjoyment of our visitors.

WHAT DOES THE MUSEUM PROVIDE?

- Sleeping mat for Standard ticket holders
- Air bed for VIP ticket holders
- Breakfast (including enhanced breakfast options for VIP ticket holders)
- TEMPUR® travel pillow (for all campers) to use and take home

WHERE AND WHEN DO WE ARRIVE?

We open the Main Entrance at 18.45 and keep the doors open until 19.30.

WHAT IF WE'RE LATE?

Please go to the Science Museum Group Entrance on Imperial College Road and call our Control Room team on 020 7942 4444.

WHEN DO WE LEAVE?

Astronights finishes at 10.00 the next day. The museum opens to the public at this time and you're welcome to stay and explore. If you would like to visit any ticketed galleries or exhibitions, you will also need to prebook a free entrance ticket for the day of your visit.

If you are leading a large group we will ask you to exit via the Group Entrance on Imperial College Road, as you will find it easier to reunite the children in your group with their parents and guardians here. The main exit usually gets very busy at this time.

WHERE WILL WE SLEEP?

You'll be sleeping on the floor among our objects!

You will sleep as a group, in the same area. We won't split up your group. There will be other groups and staff around you. The galleries are mixed-gender sleeping areas and there will be male and female staff members supervising overnight.

Children must be supervised while sleeping.

WHEN AND WHAT WILL WE EAT?

We recommend eating an evening meal before coming to Astronights. We have a break at around 20.45 to eat your snack, which should be packed in a separate bag from your other belongings.

No food or drink is for sale at Astronights. Hot drinks are available during the snack break and breakfast for adults only.

EMERGENCIES

We have a first-aider on duty throughout the event.

If you have an emergency at home and wish to contact us on the night, please call our Control Room on 020 7942 4444 – this number is for emergency use on the night only.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

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More information for large groups can also be found at sciencemuseum.org.uk/groups