Activity Backpacks for Families

All Backpacks have hands-on activities related to the collections. For help navigating the Museum with a pushchair or wheelchair, please ask staff at the desk for advice about the best possible route to your gallery. We hope you enjoy your visit.

Backpacks can be borrowed for up to an hour (1.5 hours for Curious Ceramics and Discovering Architecture). LAST BACKPACK HANDED OUT AT 16.00.

Agent Animal for Under 5s.
Agent Animal is a detective who is on a mission to find 6 animals hiding in the Galleries! This resource for Under 5s includes fabric cubes and an audio map. Visit Japan (Room 45), China (Room 44) and South Asia (Room 41) - Level 0.

Amazing Spaces
Travel back in time to Britain in the 18th century to become an incredible interior designer. Visit Britain 1500 – 1760 (Room 52, Level 1) & Britain 1760 – 1900 (Room 118, Level 3). Particularly enjoyed by 6-9 years.

An Adventure in China
Journey to ancient China to see dragons and an Emperor’s throne, write your age in Chinese and make a delicious cup of imaginary Chinese tea to serve to your family. Visit China (Room 44, Level 0). Particularly enjoyed by 5-8 years.

Curious Ceramics – Sensory Backpack
Discover curious ceramic objects from China to the Netherlands, learn how they were made and how ideas and materials travelled the world to reach Europe. This backpack is designed for children with visual impairments, but can be enjoyed by any family. Supported by The Lord Leonard and Lady Estelle Wolfson Foundation. Visit Ceramics (Rooms 143 & 145, Level 4). Particularly enjoyed by 5-8 years.

Discovering Architecture
Learn about architectural drawings, colour, 'connecting spaces', light and materials, then construct a model and draw your own building. Created with support from Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners Visit Architecture (Room 128, Level 3), Sculpture (Room 111, Level 2), & Medieval & Renaissance (Room 64b, Level 1). Particularly enjoyed by 7-12 years.

Magic Glasses
Explore the colour, design and shape of decorative glass. Visit Glass (Room 131, Level 3). Particularly enjoyed by 5-8 years.

Middle Eastern Marvels
Go on an adventure through palaces and holy places in the Islamic Middle East. Find out about how people used to live and learn about Islamic art on the way. Visit Islamic Middle East (Room 42, Level 0). Particularly enjoyed by 6-9 years.

Time Traveller
Find out about everyday life in Medieval Europe, including what people wore, how they wrote and what they ate and drank. Visit Medieval & Renaissance, (Room 10A & 10B, Level -1) & Medieval & Renaissance (Rooms 62 and 64, Level 1). Particularly enjoyed by 7-12 years.