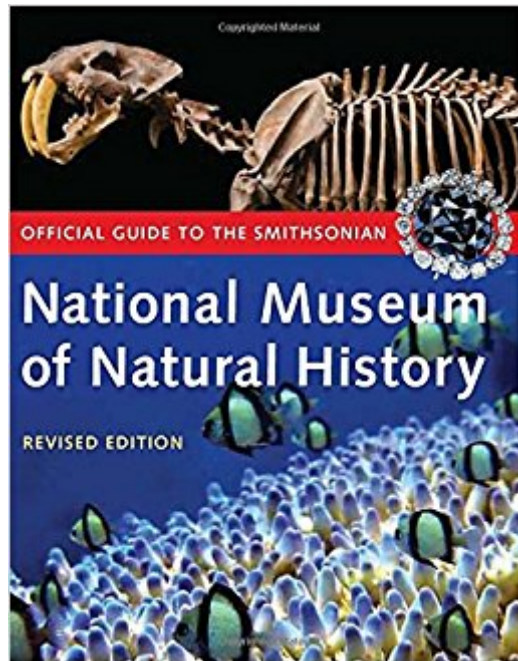


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# Official Guide To The Smithsonian National Museum Of Natural History



## Synopsis

With more than 124 million specimens, the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History houses one of the world's most important collections of natural history artifacts. This lavishly illustrated guidebook offers a beautiful tour and souvenir of the exciting collections. Starting with the history of the museum and a peek behind the scenes, readers then enter the museum through the Rotunda, where they are greeted by the famous elephant diorama—the world's largest mounted specimen of this enormous mammal. The tour continues into the Janet Annenberg Hooker Hall of Geology, Gems, and Minerals, home to the legendary Hope Diamond. The Fossils section traces the history of life on earth, from the earliest organisms to the great diversity of plants and animals in the modern world. Biology features living species, including the incredible array of furry creatures in the brand new Kenneth E. Behring Family Hall of Mammals. The Anthropology section examines human evolution, exploring cultures from all over the globe. The book's final section is devoted to experiences beyond the museum galleries—the IMAX theater, Jazz Café, and naturalist center in Leesburg, Virginia, where visitors get hands-on experience doing scientific research. This sturdy, flexibound guide also includes phone numbers, directions, hours, and all the other essential information needed to ensure a rewarding visit.

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION is the largest museum complex in the world, and its National Museum of Natural History has nearly 8 million visits annually.

This book was received in good time and the information in the book is so absolutely fabulous, you will feel like you have walked through the library, it is that good, GREAT information, and super pictures, add this to your library.

Very helpful. Planning a trip soon.

smithsonian's holdings are extensive and this book glosses over a few highlights. this sampling is not really a guidebook. It's advertising. just tantalizes and reveals practically nothing

This book was great for me as a teacher but would be great for anyone interested in science or history. Super photos and great captions. I love this book!

I have always loved the Smithsonian. I have been there three times and loved every minute of it. There are different buildings showcasing certain subjects. There is a dinosaur and fossil museum. there are all kinds of life and natural habitats. I could spend a lifetime there and never see it all. I loved the Gem & Mineral exhibit with the "HOPE" diamond. There are exhibits of every lifeform on the planet. There is Geology, Astronomy and history. There are even rocks brought back from the moon by our Apollo Astronauts. The Smithsonian is America's Attic crammed with everything. Don't miss this--it will be a great treat for the kids. My book is in the library of the Smithsonian, "Something Funny Happened on the Way to the Moon." Sara Howard

The guide put out by the Smithsonian is great, but the only copy I could get was old since the museum is coming out with a new guide soon. It contains maps, pictures, an indication of exhibits at each museum, etc. I would recommend it for anyone who is going to visit the Smithsonian. The guide helps you to make intelligent decisions about what you want to see in the time you have to spend.

If you are preparing to visit the Smithsonian's Natural History Museum it would be wise to read this book beforehand to get a comprehensive overview of the museum, its history and its collections. With nice photographs and an easy narrative the book does a good job of evenly going through the numerous exhibits within the museum. Or if you visited the museum and want a remembrance this would fill that purpose also. Very good.

I found this book to be incredibly helpful in giving me some background to what I can expect at the Smithsonian. Being on a tight schedule, I know I can't see everything, and this book helped me to create my "must see" list!

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