

Chaperone Guide



Essential Info:

School Name:		Date of Visit:	
Teacher's Name(s):		Teacher Phone #:	
Lunch time: (assigned at ROM)		Departure time:	
Learning Goals:			

Student Groups:

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Chaperone Guidelines

Things to Remember:

- Always stay with your group.
- Be sure that students are following the Museum Guidelines.
- If you need help, ask a facilitator or security guard.
- The volunteers and facilitators in the galleries welcome questions and enjoy engaging students in learning activities, but the responsibility of supervising the students remains with you.
 - Please continue to monitor and guide your students while they are engaged with a ROM educator or in the Hands-on Galleries.

Tips for Engaging Students:

- When exploring the museum with the students, ask them about what they have been learning in class.
- Guiding questions are open-ended questions that avoid yes/no, right/wrong answers, and give students a chance to think critically about the objects. Some examples include:
 - What is your favourite thing in this gallery?
 - What is interesting about it?
 - How does it relate to what you learned in class?
- The Hands-on Biodiversity Gallery on Level 2 lets students learn in a hands-on, interactive way with objects and specimens from nature.
 - The staff and volunteers in the gallery enjoy answering questions, and may be able to help if your students aren't able to find information that they are searching for.

Additional Resources:

- Maps are available at the school entrance, main entrance, and online at rom.on.ca/visit-us/maps-tours.
- For additional ways of engaging with ROM objects, explore these resources:
 - bit.ly/ROMaudioguides
 - collections.rom.on.ca

Notes:

Museum Guidelines



Walk; Don't Run

This makes sure that all our objects and all our visitors stay safe.



Use Indoor Voices

Many learners share the museum. It's important for everyone to be able to hear their teachers and each other.

If a museum teacher is giving a lesson in the gallery, be careful not to disrupt it.



Don't touch objects. Only touch if they are clearly marked as safe to touch.

Your skin contains oils that can damage many of the objects over time.

In the Hands-on Galleries, be sure to follow the instructions of the Facilitators on how to safely and respectfully interact with the objects.



Eat and drink only in the cafeteria and lunch room. Not the galleries.

Even tiny amounts of food left behind in the galleries can attract pests that can seriously damage the objects.

Remember that the objects in the galleries are real, and it's up to all of us to make sure that they stay safe.



Photos are great!

Photos are allowed unless a sign indicates otherwise. Look for "no flash" signs around sensitive objects or live animals.

If you're with a ROM teacher in a guided lesson, ask for their photo policy first.



Ask questions and have fun!

You'll meet many staff members and volunteers around the museum. They wear ROM uniforms or a ROM lanyard with an ID badge.

All of our staff and volunteers welcome questions, and are happy to help you get the most out of your museum visit.