

# WHAT'S ON

## Western Art Print Room

The Ashmolean's extensive collections of prints and drawings are open to the public in the Western Art Print Room 10am–5pm Tuesday–Saturday.

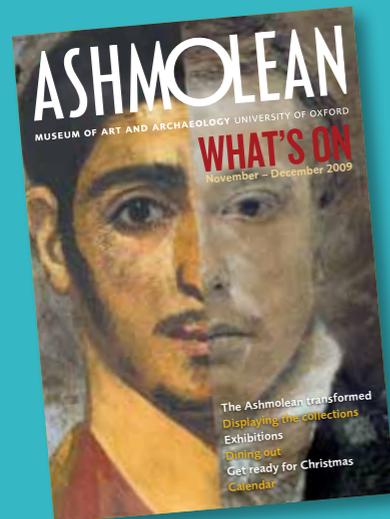
The Eastern Art Paintings and Prints Study Room will open to the public in Spring 2010.

Visitors wishing to see these collections should ask at the Information Desk in the Front Entrance.

## Education Activities

For group bookings, school programmes and other education activities contact:

T 01865 278 015 (8.30am–1.30pm)  
E [education.service@ashmus.ox.ac.uk](mailto:education.service@ashmus.ox.ac.uk)



## Guided Tours and Talks

**Lunchtime Gallery Talks:** Tuesday–Friday at 1.15pm, for groups of up to 12 people. No booking needed, meet in the Randolph Sculpture Gallery (Gallery 21). Free, donations are welcome.

**Highlights of the Ashmolean tours:** Saturday and Sunday at 11am, for groups of up to 12 people. No booking needed, meet in the Randolph Sculpture Gallery (Gallery 21). Free, donations are welcome.

## Audio Guides

An exciting, new audio guide highlight tour is available from the Information desk, helping you to gain more from your visit.

**The Ashmolean floor plan is free but a small donation is welcome.**

**For more information, pick up our What's On leaflet at the main entrance**



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# FLOOR PLAN



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# WELCOME TO BRITAIN'S FIRST MUSEUM

Founded in 1683, the Ashmolean is Britain's first public museum. Among our treasures are the world's finest group of Raphael drawings, the most substantial collection of pre-Dynastic Egyptian material in Europe, the only significant Minoan collection in the UK, the greatest Anglo-Saxon collections outside the British Museum, and the foremost collection of modern Chinese painting in the Western world.

Following a major redevelopment to double our display space, the Ashmolean has been transformed into a museum for the 21st century.

In the new building, designed by the architect Rick Mather, you will find 39 new galleries, displaying our collections of art and archaeology. The original Museum, including the galleries of Western Art, has also undergone a programme of significant refurbishment.

The £61 million project has been funded with a £15 million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). Additional major support has been given by the Linbury Trust, along with numerous foundations, trusts, and individuals.

Our new display approach - Crossing Cultures Crossing Time - presents our collections over five floors throughout the Museum. It reveals how the civilisations of the east and west have developed as part of an interrelated world culture. Each object's story is told by tracing the journey of ideas and influences through time and across continents.

Starting your journey on the Crossing Cultures floor, themed galleries make connections between objects and activities common to different cultures, such as money, reading and writing, and the representation of the human image.

The floors above provide fresh insights into the interaction of the cultures of east and west from ancient to modern times. Orientation galleries on each floor provide story trails, helping you plan your own route through time. Introducing key themes, such as art, religion, trade, and geography, these galleries illuminate the many connections and comparisons that help bring the past to life.

## Free Admission

**Open:**  
**Tuesday–Sunday**  
**10am–6pm**

**Bank Holiday Monday**  
**10am–6pm**

# EATING AND SHOPPING

## ASHMOLEAN DINING ROOM

The Ashmolean Dining Room provides the spectacular setting of Oxford's first rooftop restaurant.

Select from a menu of rustic, regional European dishes made from fresh, local ingredients, accompanied by an extensive wine list of eighty handpicked wines from around the world.

T 01865 553 823  
[www.ashmoleandiningroom.com](http://www.ashmoleandiningroom.com)

Open: Tuesday–Saturday  
10am–10pm, Sunday 10am–6pm



## ASHMOLEAN CAFE

Enjoy home-made food in the vaulted café.

To complement our tempting range of cakes, pastries, sandwiches, soups and salads, we serve a fine blend of benugo's Fair Trade coffee as well as fresh juices, banana blasts and tropical smoothies.

T 01865 288 183  
[www.ashmolean.org/cafe](http://www.ashmolean.org/cafe)

Open: Tuesday–Sunday 10am–6pm

## Museum shop

The Museum Shop is packed with books and gifts which reflect and are inspired by the Ashmolean collections, selected to suit all ages and pockets.

T 01865 288 185  
Mail order purchases T 01865 278 010  
Shop online at [www.ashmolean.org/shop](http://www.ashmolean.org/shop)

Open: Monday 10am–5pm  
Tuesday–Sunday 10am–6pm

# YOUR MUSEUM

## Access

There is disabled access throughout the Museum, with ramps into the building, lifts to all floors and wheelchairs are available. We can arrange free touch tours and description tours for visitors with visual impairments, as well as a free gallery trail for those in a wheelchair. There are also events scheduled regularly for visually impaired and hearing impaired visitors – pick up a copy of What's On for details.

T 01865 288 078  
[www.ashmolean.org/plan](http://www.ashmolean.org/plan)

## Friends of the Ashmolean

The Friends actively support the work of the Museum. Being a Friend entitles you to take part in a lively, year-round programme of activities including talks, lectures, recitals and social events.

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Membership of The Young Friends is open to full-time students and those under 26.

T 01865 278 016  
E [young.friends@ashmus.ox.ac.uk](mailto:young.friends@ashmus.ox.ac.uk)

## Venue Hire

The Ashmolean Museum offers a sumptuous setting for special occasions. Guests begin their experience by passing through the grandeur of the Neo-classical façade. Once inside, they will find beautiful spaces which provide an impressive backdrops to make any event memorable.

For more information about corporate events or private parties, civil ceremonies and wedding celebrations, contact:

E [benedicte.montain@ashmus.ox.ac.uk](mailto:benedicte.montain@ashmus.ox.ac.uk)  
T 01865 288 364  
[www.ashmolean.org/venuehire](http://www.ashmolean.org/venuehire)

## Photography

Photography is permitted except where otherwise indicated. Photographs of most objects in the Museum may be ordered from the Picture Library

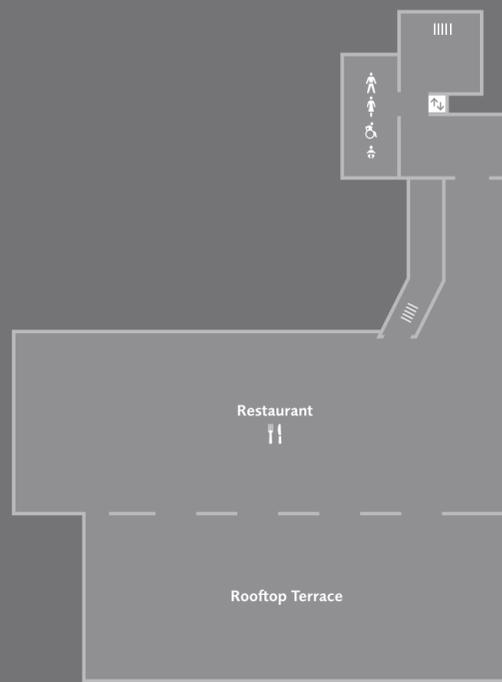
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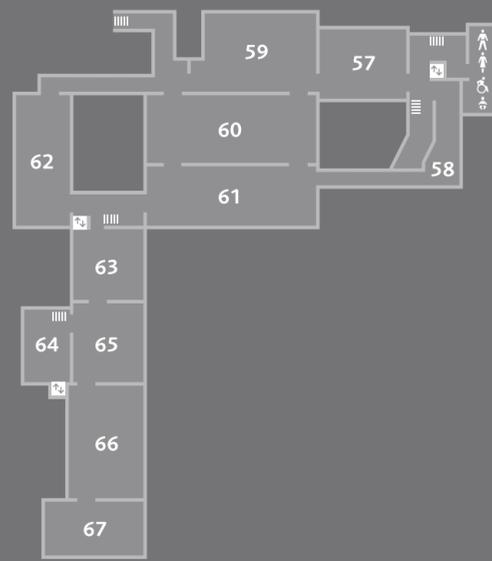
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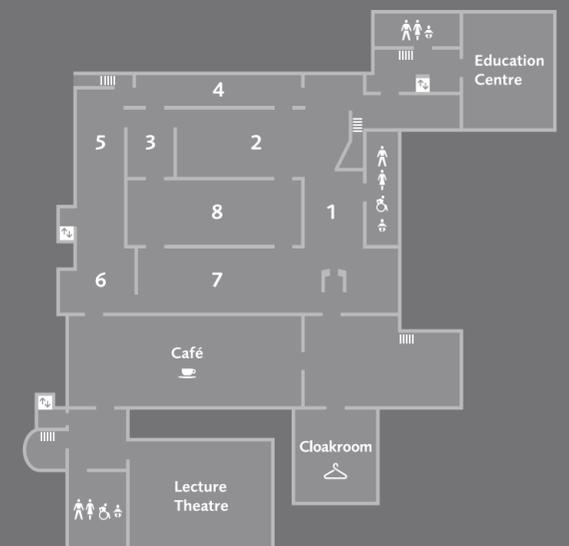
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