A TRIP TO
MINT MUSEUM UPTOWN
An introduction for first-time visitors, families,
& visitors with developmental disabilities
Inside the museum there is art from around the world. Some of the art is thousands of years old, while some was made a few years ago. We will find many different types of art including paintings and clothing. We are going to look at works of art and talk about them.
We enter the museum through the tall steps on South Tryon Street, through the shop entrance near Levine Avenue of the Arts, or through an elevator from the parking garage.

Photo by James Martin
We enter a small gallery and see a large, glass chandelier.

**IF WE ARE ON A SCHOOL TOUR**

We leave our backpack and other belongings in the Orientation Room.

**IF WE ARE VISITING WITH OUR PARENTS**

We can store our coat and bag at the coat check or the front desk.
THE ATRIUM

We enter through the glass doors on our right we will see the Atrium. It is large and it can be noisy but other spaces will be quieter.
HELPFUL PEOPLE

THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THE MUSEUM WHO CAN HELP.

When we have questions, we can ask a Guest Services Associate, a Security Officer, or a Docent.

If we can’t find our family or friends, we should look for a Security Officer.
GETTING AROUND

We can use the escalators or an elevator to get to the museum galleries. There are restrooms and water fountains on every level of the museum.
ACTIVITIES

IF WE ARE ON A TOUR

We will follow our docent around the museum to look at different works of art. We might sketch or write in the galleries. We might play games in front of a work of art.

If we’re visiting with friends or family we can pick up an Art Pack or an ARTventure postcard in the Atrium. When we’re in the galleries we can try an activity.
FAMILY GALLERY

We can visit the Lewis Family Gallery to take a break and to make art. The Lewis Family Gallery is open during museum hours for all museum visitors.
THE GALLERIES

WHEN WE GO INTO THE GALLERIES, IT’S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THESE GUIDELINES:

- We always stay with our group, family, or friends when visiting the museum.
- We will walk slowly.
- We will not touch the artwork or display cases. This will help keep the art safe and clean.
- We will not eat or drink.
- If at any point during our time in the museum we need to sit and take a break, we will find a bench or go to one of the resource centers find in every exhibition space.
LEAVING THE MUSEUM

We will return our Art Pack and ARTventure postcards and pick up our coat and personal belongings. We will walk down the stairs or take the elevator to get back down to the street or parking garage.
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Please check the museum calendar to see if there’s anything happening that might affect your visit. The museum may be busy during special exhibitions and public events.

2. S.P.A.R.K. Explorer Packs can be checked out on a first-come, first-served basis at both museum locations. Packs contain everything visitors with autism and sensory needs might want to enhance their experience in the museum including: fidget keychains, wiggle seats, headphones, and weighted lap pads.

3. Tours can be arranged for both adult and children’s groups with varied disabilities. An educator will work with you to customize a visit that best suits the needs of your group. Contact Tour Program Coordinator, Julie Olson Anna, at 704-337-2043 or via email to arrange your group program.