

National Museum Cardiff



Background information

National Museum Cardiff is situated in the original building built to house the National Museum of Wales, founded in 1905, with its royal charter granted in 1907. Today National Museum Cardiff is one of the family of seven national museums across Wales run by Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales.

Situated in the heart of Cardiff's elegant civic centre, National Museum Cardiff houses Wales's national art and natural history collections as well as major touring and temporary exhibitions.

What will I find there?

Art

The art collection at National Museum Cardiff is one of Europe's finest. See five hundred years of magnificent paintings, drawings, sculpture, silver and ceramics from Wales and across the world, including one of Europe's best collections of Impressionist art.

Natural History

The natural history collections at National Museum Cardiff are among the basic tools used by experts around the globe for the scientific study of our natural world. From naming and classifying plants and animals, to understanding how the Wales we know today has evolved during the past, our collections and expertise help illustrate an understanding of the natural world we live in and help inform us about the choices we face for the planet's future.

Clore Discovery Centre

The Clore Discovery Centre offers hands-on exploration of museum objects such as insects, fossils and Bronze Age weapons and invites you to get to grips with some of the 7.5 million items normally buried away in our stores.



What stories do we tell?

The Evolution of Wales

Take an amazing journey in The Evolution of Wales from the very beginnings of time to the present day. The story begins in space with the Big Bang and takes you on a 4,600 million-year journey, bringing you face to face with dinosaurs and woolly mammoths along the way. Find out how life evolved in Wales and which dinosaurs roamed the land.

The Natural History of Wales

Witness Wales's diverse natural history on an expedition that begins at the seashore and ends in the mountains. Experience some of the unique environments that make Wales home to over 900 Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

Natural History Research at National Museum Cardiff

The Insight gallery, which opened in 2011, tells the story of the fascinating world-class research that goes on 'behind-the-scenes' at the Museum. Changing modules within the gallery explain our research findings to the public, giving a deeper insight into biodiversity, geology and the relevance of our research to the global community.



The story of art in Wales and within an international context

The Welsh national collection of art is a unique resource documenting the history of art in Wales since the sixteenth century. As well as major international British and European art, it illustrates the history and patronage of art collecting, mainly in Wales, over several centuries. The stories told include:

The story of the people of Wales told through portraiture

The story of the landscape of Wales



Modern, contemporary and applied art in Wales and beyond

The Davies sisters and art collecting in Wales

For more information please follow this link
www.museumwales.ac.uk/cardiff/learning