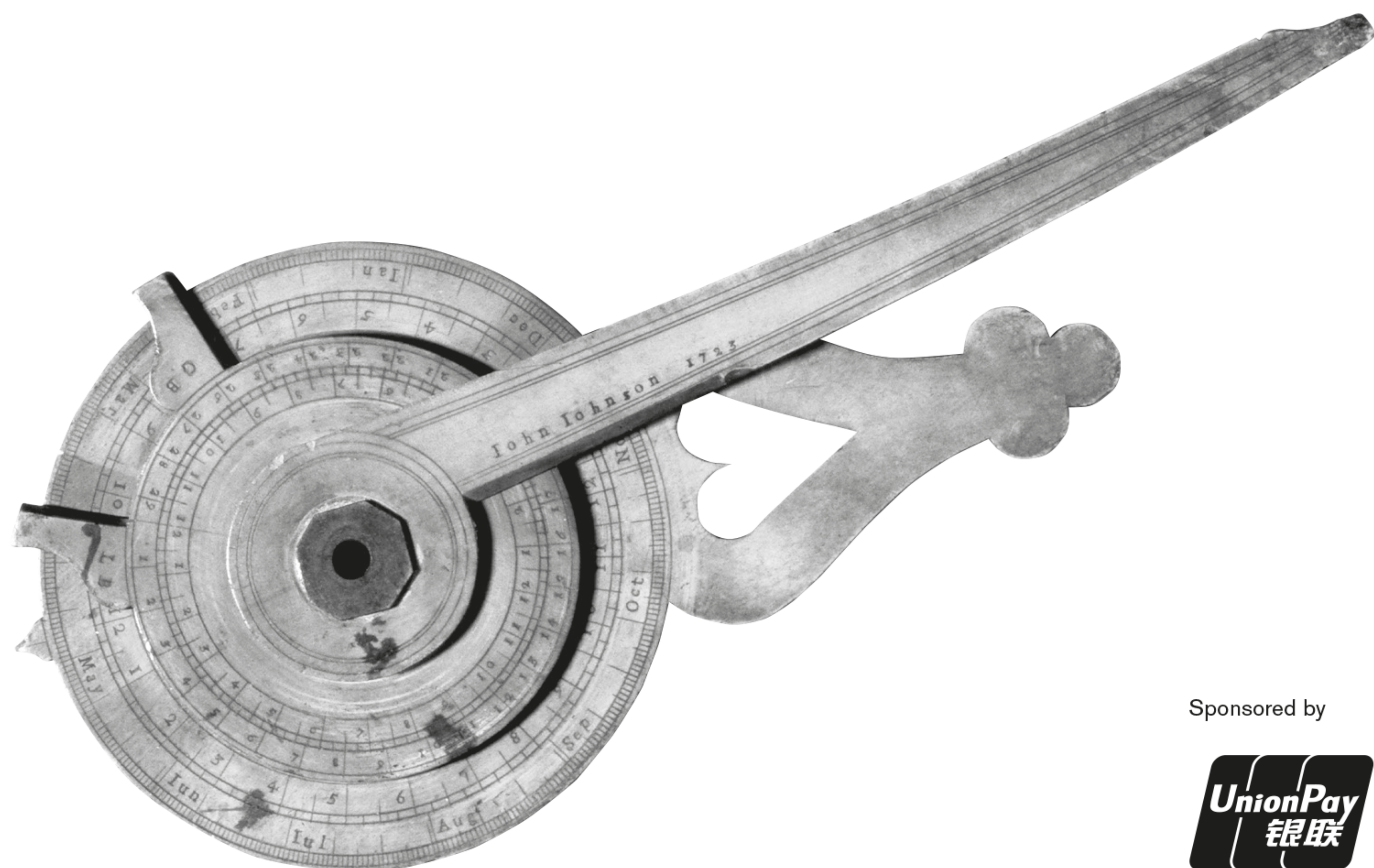


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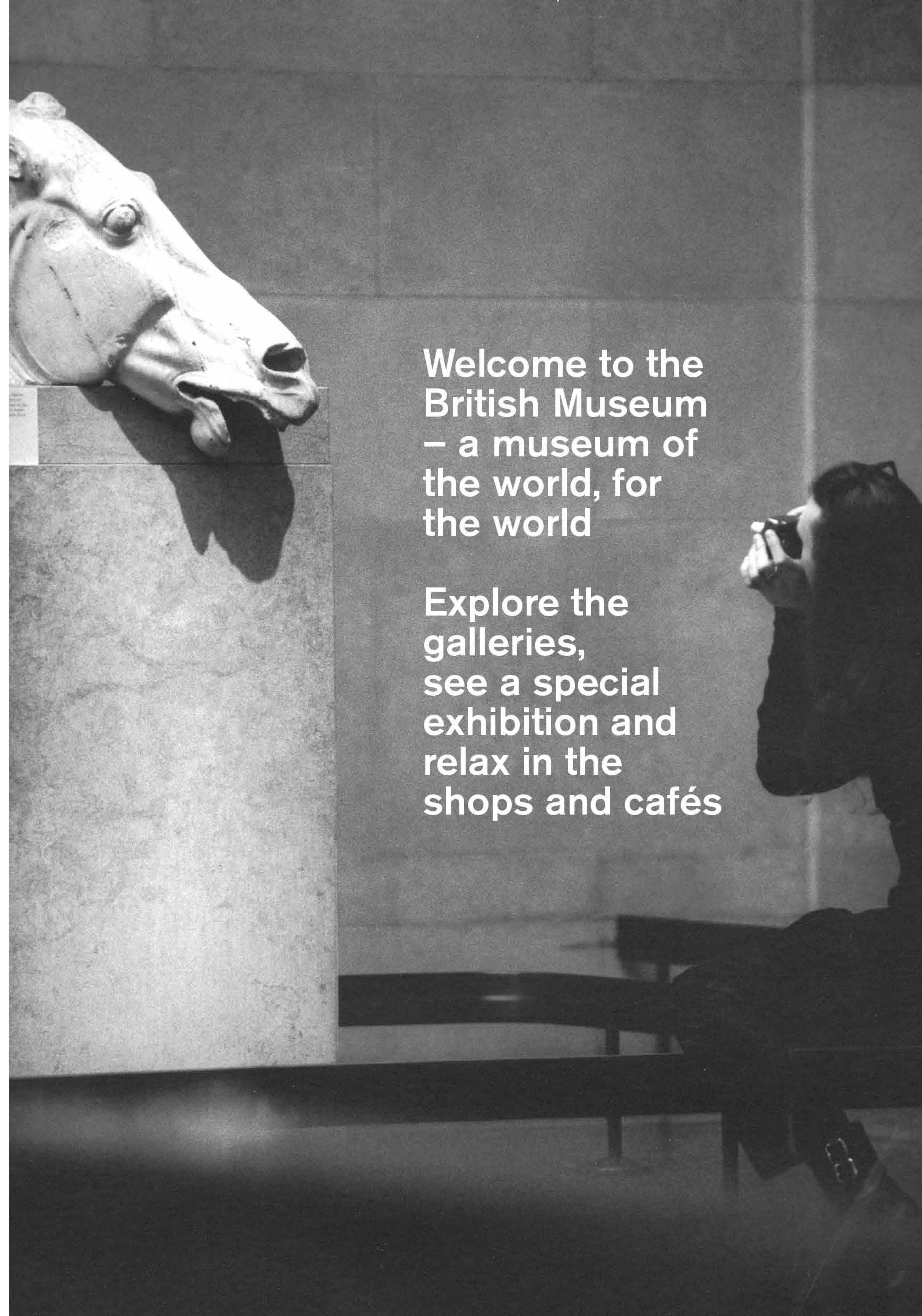
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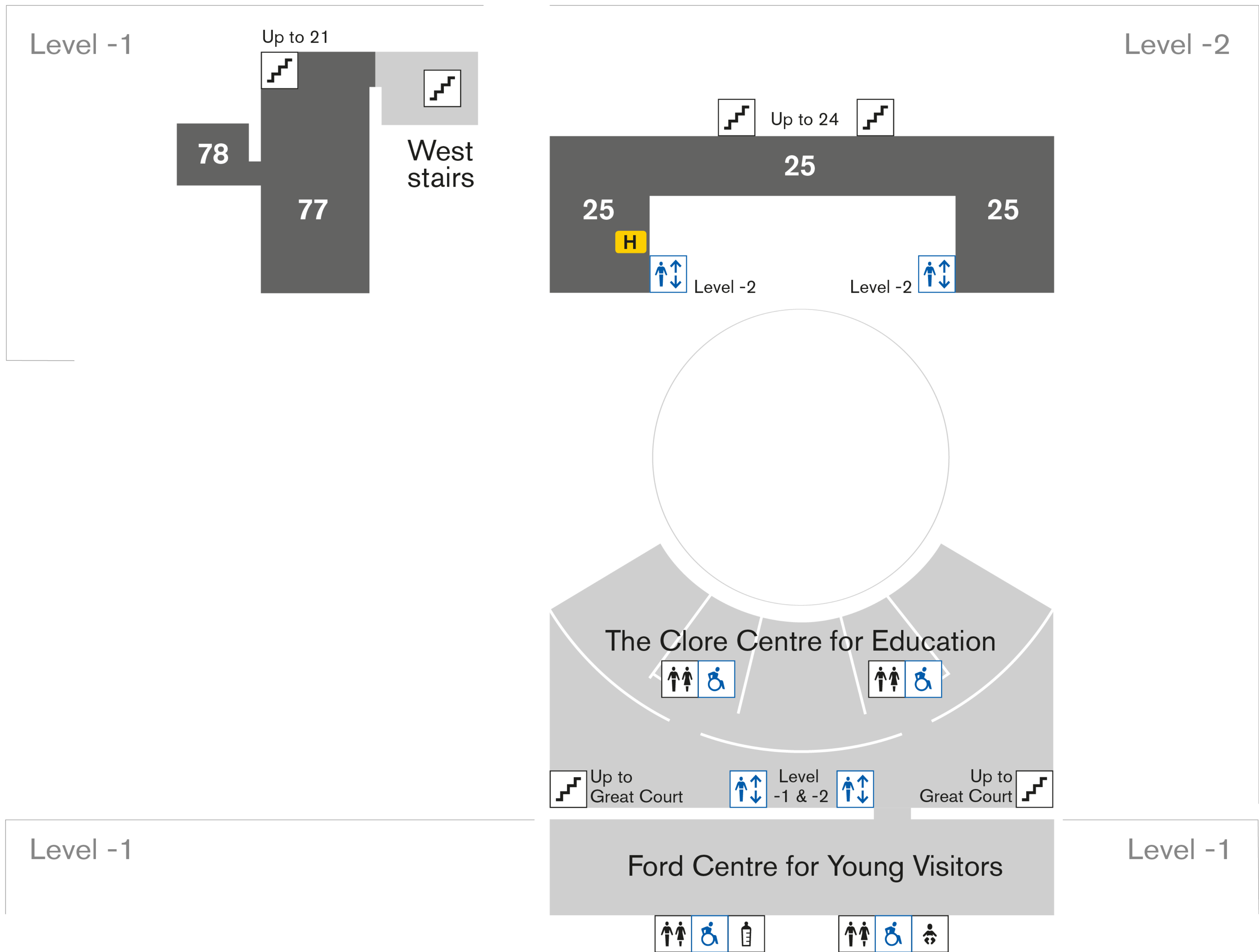
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A masterpiece of African art

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Greek and Roman architecture

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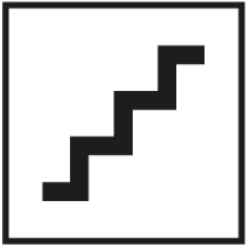
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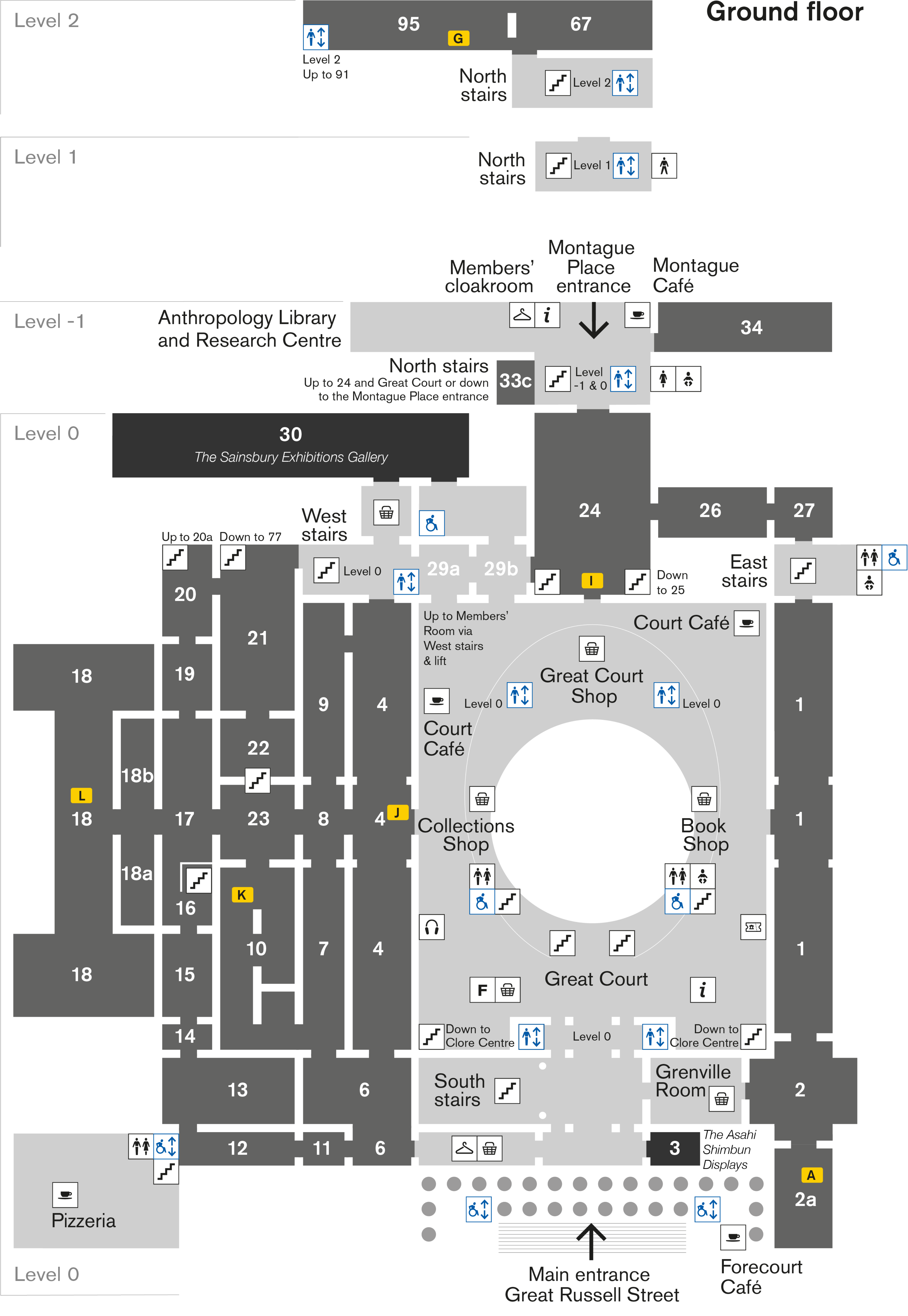
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- A** The Holy Thorn Reliquary, **Room 2a**
A medieval masterpiece
- G** The David Vases, **Room 95**
The world's earliest dated blue-and-white porcelain
- I** Easter Island statue Hoa Hakananai'a, **Room 24**
A colossal figure from a lost civilisation
- J** The Rosetta Stone, **Room 4**
The key to deciphering hieroglyphs
- K** Assyrian Lion Hunt reliefs, **Room 10**
An ancient king's triumph over nature
- L** Parthenon sculptures, **Room 18**
Sculpture from ancient Greece

Americas

- North America
Room 26
- Mexico
Room 27

Ancient Egypt

- Egyptian sculpture
Room 4

Ancient Greece and Rome

- Early Greece
Room 6
- Greece: Cycladic Islands
Room 11

- Greece: Minoans and Mycenaeans
The Arthur I Fleischman Gallery
Room 12
- Greece 1050–520 BC
Room 13
- Greek vases
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- Athens and Lycia
Room 15
- Greece: Bassai sculptures
Room 16
- Nereid Monument
Room 17
- Greece: Parthenon
Room 18
- Greece: Athens
Room 19
- Greeks and Lycians 400–325 BC
Room 20
- Greek vases
Room 20a
- Mausoleum of Halikarnassos
Room 21
- The world of Alexander
Room 22
- Greek and Roman sculpture
Room 23

Asia

- Dragon tiles
Room 33c (until Aug 2017)
- Korea
The Korea Foundation Gallery
Room 67

- Chinese ceramics – Sir Percival David Collection
The Sir Joseph Hotung Centre for Ceramic Studies
Room 95

Middle East

- Assyrian sculpture and Balawat Gates
Room 6
- Assyria: Nimrud
Rooms 7–8
- Assyria: Nineveh
Room 9
- Assyria: Lion hunts, Siege of Lachish and Khorsabad
Room 10
- Islamic world
The John Addis Gallery
Room 34

Themes

- Enlightenment
Room 1
- Collecting the world
Room 2
- The Waddesdon Bequest
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Room 2a
- Living and Dying
The Wellcome Trust Gallery
Room 24

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Upper floors

Please note that some galleries may be closed at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances or refurbishment.

- B

The Lewis Chessmen,
Room 40
The most famous chess set in the world
- C

Oxus Treasure, **Room 52**
Fabulous metalwork from ancient Iran
- D

The Royal Game of Ur,
Room 56
A popular pastime in the ancient world
- E

The Portland Vase, **Room 70**
The Roman inspiration for Wedgwood
- F

Samurai armour, **Room 93**
Military might in medieval Japan

Ancient Greece and Rome

Greek and Roman life
Room 69

Roman Empire
The Wolfson Gallery
Room 70

Etruscan world
Room 71

Ancient Cyprus
The A G Leventis Gallery
Room 72

Greeks in Italy
Room 73

Asia

Painting and calligraphy
Room 91a

Japan
The Mitsubishi Corporation Galleries
Rooms 92–94

Europe

Medieval Europe 1050–1500
The Sir Paul and Lady Ruddock Gallery
Room 40

Sutton Hoo and Europe AD 300-1100
The Sir Paul and Lady Ruddock Gallery
Room 41

Europe 1400–1800
Room 46

Europe 1800–1900
Room 47

Europe 1900 to the present
Room 48

Roman Britain
The Weston Gallery

Room 49
Britain and Europe 800 BC - AD 43
Room 50

Europe and Middle East
10,000–800 BC
Room 51

Middle East

Ancient Iran
The Rahim Irvani Gallery

Room 52
Ancient South Arabia
The Raymond and Beverly Sackler Gallery
Room 53

Anatolia and Urartu 7000-300 BC
The Raymond and Beverly Sackler Gallery
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Mesopotamia 1500–539 BC
The Raymond and Beverly Sackler Gallery
Room 55

Mesopotamia 6000 –1500 BC
The Raymond and Beverly Sackler Gallery
Room 56

Ancient Levant
The Raymond and Beverly Sackler Gallery
Room 57-59

Theme

Clocks and watches
The Sir Harry and Lady Djanogly Gallery
Rooms 38–39

Money
The Citi Gallery
Room 68

Prints and drawings
Rooms 90 and 90a



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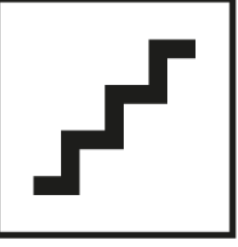
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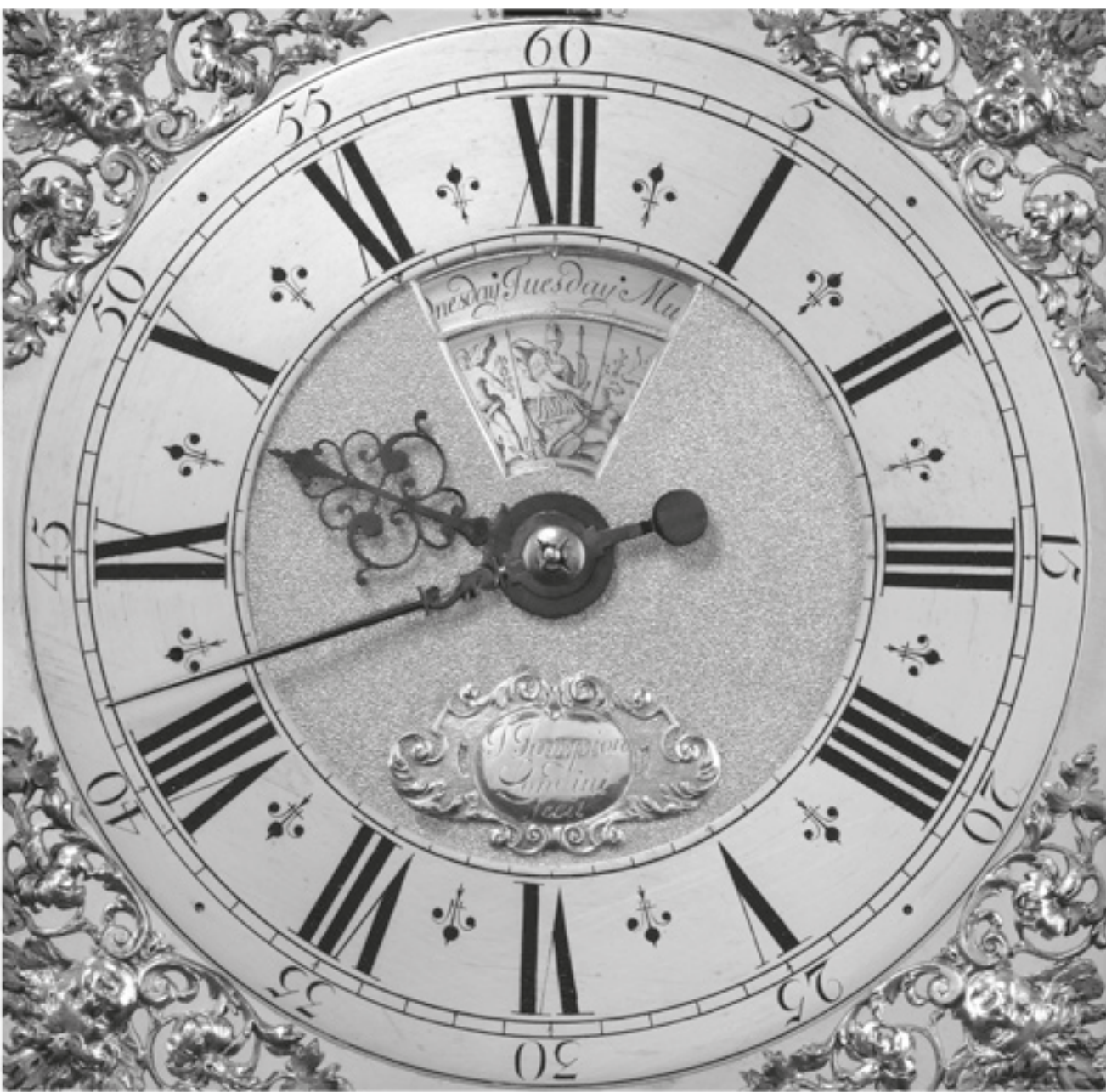


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Short of time?



In 1 hour
If you're short of time, visit the objects marked on the map section on the other side of this leaflet to experience some of the highlights of the magnificent permanent collection. Start in Room 2a with the Holy Thorn Reliquary...

In 2–3 hours
If you have longer to spend, visit one or more of the special temporary exhibitions, or take one of the Museum's tours, talks and guides (details on the right).

A year-going table clock, 'The Mostyn'.
Made by Thomas Tompion, London,
England, c. 1690.

Room 2a.

Great Court. © Nigel Young.

Galleries



Some of the galleries can be very busy at peak times. If you want to avoid the crowds, try visiting these galleries.

Room 95 – the largest collection of Chinese ceramics outside China.

Room 34 – objects from the Islamic World – from the 7th century AD to the present.

Room 2a – Renaissance and medieval treasures from the collection of Baron Ferdinand Rothschild.

Room 1 – the Enlightenment Gallery shows how the British Museum was first created in the 18th century and is a great introduction to the collection.

Room 27 – Maya and Aztec objects from Mexico, including beautiful turquoise mosaics.

Room 67 – objects from the Korean peninsula from about AD 300 to the present, including a spectacular reconstruction of a scholar's study (*sarangbang*).

Visitor information



Galleries are open daily 10.00–17.30, until 20.30 on Fridays.
Please note that galleries start closing 10 minutes before the published closing times.

The cloakroom is located to the west of the Main entrance (£).

Sketching with pencil in the galleries is allowed

Photography is permitted in selected galleries, for non-commercial uses. Photography is not usually permitted in special exhibitions.

- To help everyone enjoy the Museum, please:
- keep mobiles on silent and don't take calls in galleries
 - don't touch the objects (you can handle selected objects at the Hands on desks – see right for details)
 - don't smoke on the premises
 - don't eat or drink in the galleries

If you have any other questions, ask at the Information Desk in the Great Court.

Exhibitions



Special temporary exhibitions
See world-class exhibitions in our stunning exhibition galleries. These unique displays feature treasures from the Museum's collection presented in new and exciting ways alongside spectacular national and international loans. Tickets are available from the Ticket Desk in the Great Court. Under 16s go free to all exhibitions. Inside each exhibition you'll find family guides and activities to explore more together.

Changing collection displays
These are free and in Rooms 3, 69a, 90, 90a and 91.

Room 30, The Sainsbury Exhibitions Gallery.

Object handling.

Photo: Benedict Johnson.

Make the most of your visit



Gallery talks
Free 45-minute talks by a guest speaker or curator. Tue–Sat at 13.15.

Highlights tour (£)
Available every Fri, Sat and Sun at 11.30 & 14.00 (90 minutes). Book at the Ticket Desk in the Great Court.

- Eye-opener tours**
Free daily tours (30–40 minutes) introducing areas of the collection (Room numbers):
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| 11.00 | Japan (92) |
| 11.15 | Gods and goddesses of Roman Britain (49) |
| 11.30 | Ancient Greece (17) |
| 11.45 | Ancient Iraq (56) |
| 12.00 | Africa (24) |
| 12.15 | Collecting the world (1) |
| 12.30 | The Enlightenment Gallery (1) |
| 13.00 | Mexico (24) |
| 14.00 | Art of the Middle East (34) |
| 14.15 | The world of money (68) |
| 14.30 | Ancient Egypt (64) |
| 14.45 | Medieval Europe (41) |
| 15.15 | Ancient Rome (70) |
| 15.45 | Assyrian reliefs (6) |

Hands on desks
Handle objects daily at 11.00–16.00 in Rooms 1, 2, 24, 49 and 68. During exhibition runs in Room 30, there will be a handling desk outside the exhibition space.



Audio and family guide (£)
The Museum's audio guide helps you make the most of your visit. Find out more about the Museum's most popular objects or take a themed tour – it's up to you. Available in 10 languages – English, Korean, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, Japanese and Mandarin, as well as British Sign Language and audio description. Visiting as a family? Explore the collection through a series of special adventures with our new digital family guide. Available in English, Korean, Spanish and Simplified Chinese.

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Maps and souvenir guides
Self-guided tours and full colour maps are available. There are also souvenir guide books available in a number of languages. You can buy them from any of the Museum's shops.

Spotlight tours
Free tours (20 minutes) on Friday evenings. Ask at the Information Desk for times, topics and locations.

Families



Free pick-up activities

Start your adventure at the Families Desk. On weekends and school holidays pick up a Museum explorer trail to discover the collection together, or borrow a backpack full of activities to use in the galleries.

Family events

Enjoy free family activities all year round. Drop in to a weekend digital workshop or get creative with hands-on holiday activities when school's out.

Pushchairs

All our galleries are accessible and you can leave a fold-up buggy free of charge in the cloakroom during your visit.

Family eating

If you have a packed lunch, you can eat it in the Ford Centre for Young Visitors on weekends and school holidays.

Family activities. Photo: Benedict Johnson.

Eating.

Membership. Photo: Barney Poole.

Eating and shopping



Court Café

Enjoy a range of freshly made baguettes, toasted sandwiches, salads, soup and cakes in the Great Court.

Pizzeria

Ideal for families and groups. Sample a delicious range of freshly handmade pizzas, salads, cakes and drinks.

Great Court Restaurant

Casual contemporary dining. Open daily for lunch and afternoon tea. Enjoy dinner and live music on Fridays from 17.30.

Montague Café

Coffee and light bites.

Coffee Lounge

Salads, juices and hot drinks.

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