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National War Museum, Edinburgh Castle
National Museum of Flight, East Lothian
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General information



Information desks, Levels 0, 1, 3

Information desks are located in the Entrance Hall and Tower Entrance.

Tickets for events and exhibitions can be purchased at the Entrance Hall information desk and, while an exhibition is running, at the Exhibition Ticket Desk located on Level 3.

Cloakroom, Level 0

Coats and bags may be left in the Cloakroom in the Entrance Hall. Charges and weight restrictions apply.

Access

There are lifts to all floors, adapted toilets, a Changing Places toilet and wheelchairs for loan from the information desks.

Induction loops are in place at the information desks and in the Auditorium. Our 'Hearing Helper' Tour Guide system is available for tours – please ask at the Entrance Hall information desk.

Special tours, handling sessions for visually impaired visitors or a BSL interpreter can be arranged in advance. Call **0131 247 4040**, visit nms.ac.uk/tours or email tours@nms.ac.uk.

Registered and identifiable assistance dogs are welcome.

Photography

Please feel free to take photographs in the museum and to share them on social media. If you would like to use a tripod, any special lighting, or to take commercial photographs, please ask at an information desk.

No photography is allowed in exhibitions.

Schools and group visits

For more information about visiting with a school party email schools@nms.ac.uk or to organise a guided group tour email tours@nms.ac.uk or for self-guided group visits email groups@nms.ac.uk

For families



Family events

Our family events programme is full of activities for children of all ages, including regular drop-in activities in the galleries. For more detail pick up an *Exhibitions & events* leaflet or ask at an information desk.

Family trails

For a different way to explore the galleries, pick up one of our



Imagine, World Cultures, Level 1

Designed especially for families with young children, this gallery offers a chance to make music, tell stories and create art inspired by objects from around the world.

Adventure Planet, Natural World, Level 5

This is the perfect place for young explorers to come face-to-face with the natural world through nature-based activities, problem-solving tasks and games.

Discovery Zones, Scotland galleries, Levels -1, 1, 3, 5

Play games, solve puzzles and dress up as characters from Scottish history.

Science and Technology galleries, Levels 1, 3, 5

These galleries are full of interactive displays and hands-on activities, from the hot air balloons in *Explore* to the giant energy wheel in *Energise*.

Pushchairs and baby changing

Folded pushchairs may be left in the Cloakroom in the Entrance Hall, charges apply. There are baby changing facilities on all floors except Level 6.

Welcome

This map will help you with practical information for your visit and highlights some of our favourite objects. Just ask our Visitor Experience team if you need more information.

Our world-class collections will take you on a journey through the history of Scotland, the wonders of nature and diverse cultures from around the globe. Discover scientific breakthroughs and marvel at exquisite art, design and fashion from across the centuries. From the tiniest creatures to towering spacecraft, and ancient times to the present day, there are thousands of stories to discover.



You can use this map to find your own path, or use the highlight objects overleaf as a guide to some of our most treasured objects. If you're visiting with children, pick up one of our family trails from the Entrance Hall information desk or download them from our website nms.ac.uk/trails.

To find out what's on today, including our current exhibitions, pick up an *Exhibitions & events* leaflet or ask at an information desk.

A souvenir guide is available to buy from our shops, information desks and online shop. Use it to enhance your visit or enjoy at home.

Eating and shopping



Balcony Café, Level 3, 10:00–16:45

Relax in our café with drinks, snacks, home-baking and light meals.

Museum Brasserie, Level 0, 10:00–17:00

Featuring freshly prepared dishes using locally sourced produce, a children's menu, cakes baked daily on site and award winning coffee.



Tower Restaurant, Level 5, 10:00–23:00 (last reservation)

Acclaimed Scottish cuisine and views of the Edinburgh skyline. Open all day for lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. For reservations call **0131 225 3003** or visit tower-restaurant.com

Picnics, Level 0

Our group space at the rear of the Entrance Hall is available at weekends and during school holidays for picnic lunches – please check with staff.

Please do not eat or drink in the museum galleries.

Shops

Our shops are a treasure trove of unique souvenirs and thoughtful gifts, with an extensive range of Scottish crafts, jewellery and collections-themed products, as well as cards, toys and books.

- Entrance Hall, Level 0
- Tower Entrance, Level 1
- Exhibition Gallery 1 foyer, Level 3

You can also shop online at nms.ac.uk/shop

Enhance your museum experience

Wi-Fi



Explore our collections online

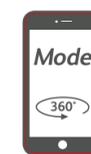
Want to know more about the objects you see in the Museum? Visit nms.ac.uk/explore for stories, films and games that reveal our collections in more detail.



Mode – A fashion guide on your phone

Discover highlights from our *Fashion and Style* gallery online at nms.ac.uk/mode See featured items come alive with detailed close-ups and 360° views.

Look out for the Mode symbol in the gallery.



Museum trails

Download one of our six family trails to explore the Museum in a new way. Play I Spy, take a Selfie Safari or complete our Space Mission.

nms.ac.uk/trails

Don't miss!

For information about today's events, talks and exhibitions, pick up an *Exhibitions & events* leaflet or ask a member of our Visitor Experience team.

Free guided tours

For more insight into our collections join one of our free daily guided tours. Tours last approximately one hour and leave from the meeting point in the Entrance Hall, Level 0.

11:00 Discover the National Museum of Scotland
 13:00 Scotland galleries highlights
 15:00 Themed tour *changes daily, please ask for details*

Millennium Clock, Discoveries, Level 1

Don't miss the spectacular Millennium Clock come to life as it chimes every hour from 11:00 to 16:00.

Working machines

Look out for our historic working models, machines and engines which are on display across the galleries.



View from the Roof Terrace, Level 7

Make your way up to the Roof Terrace for an unforgettable view of the Edinburgh skyline. Follow the blue route on the map overleaf and access via the stairs from the *Industry and Empire* gallery, Level 5 or via the Terrace lift both located within the Scotland galleries.

Welcome to the National Museum of Scotland

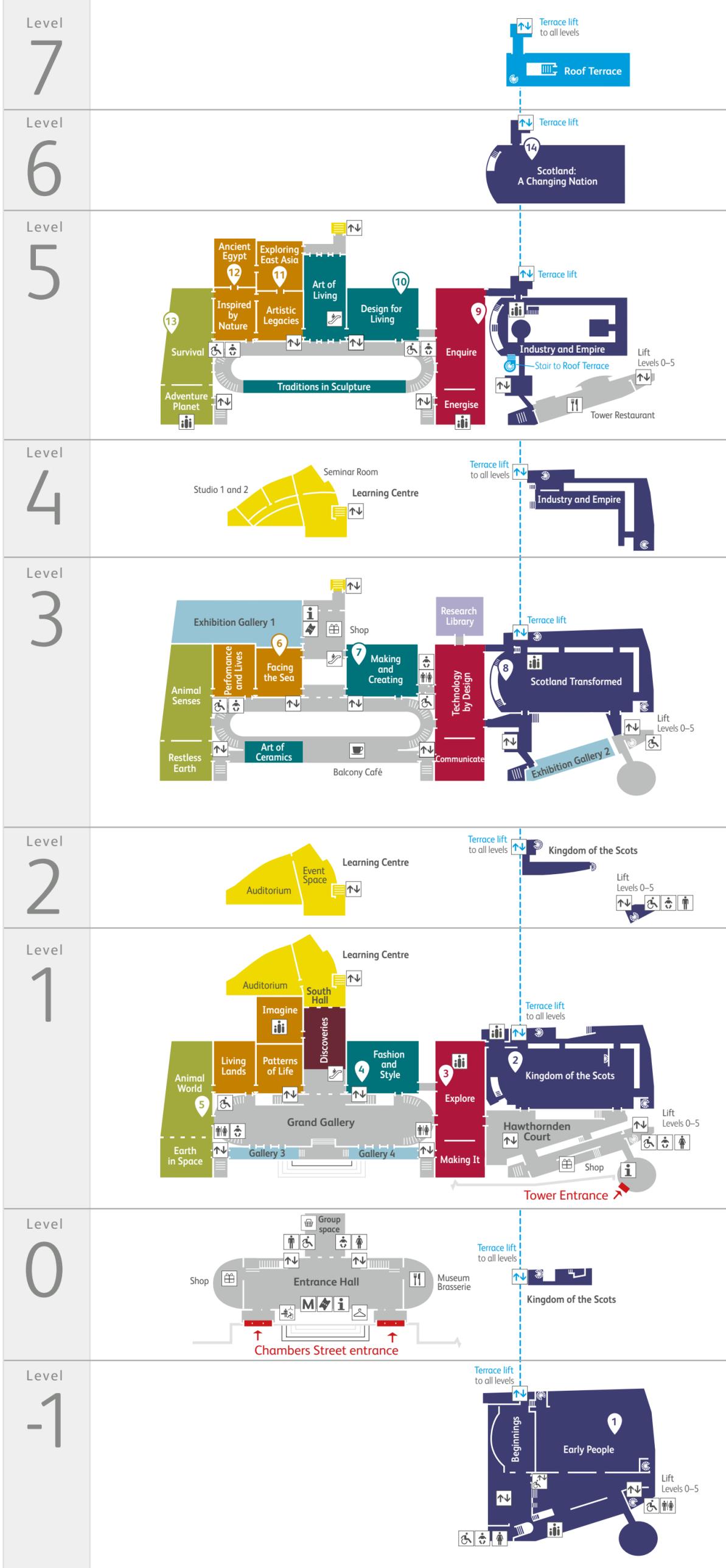
With thousands of amazing objects across dozens of galleries, a lively programme of events, regularly changing exhibitions and great places to eat and relax, the Museum offers you a world of discovery on every floor.

Explore the museum

- **Discoveries**
Discover some of Scotland's greatest achievements and the enormous impact of Scots around the world.
- **Natural World**
From outer space to endangered species, explore the diversity and evolution of Planet Earth and the natural world.
- **World Cultures**
Encounter remarkable objects that reveal how people live their lives and express themselves through art, music and performance.
- **Art, Design and Fashion**
Follow an inspirational story of creativity through lavish treasures, exquisite designs and cutting-edge fashion.
- **Science and Technology**
Investigate a world of innovation, through the scientific discoveries and technological breakthroughs which have changed Scotland and the world.
- **Scotland**
Explore Scotland's story across the ages from its geological beginnings to the present day, and see how the lives of everyday Scots have changed through the centuries.
- **Exhibition galleries**
We have a regularly changing programme of exhibitions – for details of what's on today pick up an *Exhibitions & events* leaflet or ask a member of our Visitor Experience team.
- **Learning Centre**
Our hub for learning events and inspiring activities. Pick up an *Exhibitions & events* leaflet or ask one of our team for details of what's on during your visit.
- **Research Library**
Visit our library to explore the themes of the Museum, using our extensive collection of reference books, journals and archives. Open Monday to Friday.
- **Roof Terrace**
Our Roof Terrace has panoramic views of the Edinburgh skyline – a great place to take photos.

Key to symbols

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| | Information desk | | Toilets, female |
| | Tickets/Membership | | Toilets, male |
| | Cloakroom | | Toilet, accessible |
| | Lifts | | Changing places toilet (undersized) |
| | Escalator | | Baby changing |
| | Stairs | | Shop |
| | Spiral staircase | | Cafe |
| | Meeting point | | Restaurant |
| | Wheelchair access to Early People, Level -1 | | Picnic area |
| | | | Specially for families |



Highlights

	14 Victoria Cross of the Piper of Loos <i>Scotland: A Changing Nation</i>		13 Ching Ching <i>Survival</i>
	11 Weituo <i>Exploring East Asia</i>		12 Coffin of the Steward Khnumhotep <i>Ancient Egypt Rediscovered</i>
	9 CERN accelerating cavity <i>Enquire</i>		10 Mackintosh bookcase <i>Design for Living</i>
	7 Capra (goat) designed by Pablo Picasso <i>Making and Creating</i>		8 Bonnie Prince Charlie's travelling canteen <i>Scotland Transformed</i>
	6 Maori Waka <i>Facing the Sea</i>		4 Harris Tweed suit by Vivienne Westwood <i>Fashion and Style</i>
	5 Tyrannosaurus rex <i>Animal World</i>		3 Dolly the sheep <i>Explore</i>
	2 Lewis Chessmen <i>Kingdom of the Scots, Level 1</i>		1 Traprain Treasure <i>Early People</i>