

European Night of Museums and International Museum Day 2022

The Acropolis Museum celebrates this year's European Night of Museums on **Saturday 14 May 2022** and International Museum Day on **Wednesday 18 May 2022**, with a series of events for its visitors:

Saturday 14 May 2022

The Museum participates in the European Night of Museums with extended opening hours **from 8 a.m. until 12 midnight, and free entry from 8 p.m. onwards**. The Museum restaurant will remain open during the same hours. Visitors will be able to admire by night the masterpieces of its collections, while on the same day, within the context of the initiative 'What does the Acropolis Museum mean to you?', the most representative answers of visitors received recently by the Museum will be projected on a big screen.

Wednesday 18 May 2022

On International Museum Day, the Museum will be open **from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with free entry** for its visitors. This year's topic is the 'Power of museums' focusing on achieving sustainability, innovating on digitalization and accessibility and community building through education. On this occasion, the Museum will offer its adult visitors the two new gallery talks '**Hidden stories of the diaspora**' and '**Digital Acropolis Museum. New interactive applications**'. In addition, the new family trail titled '**The Parthenon Sculptures. 6 short stories of separation**' will be available for children and their parents.

Presentation 'Hidden stories of the diaspora'

It is a worldwide fact that almost half of the Parthenon sculptures are in the British Museum in London, the result of the monument's looting by the crews of Thomas Bruce, Lord of Elgin, in the early 19th century. There are, however, smaller fragments, and also other antiquities of the Acropolis, which today are scattered across European Museums. But how did they get there, what were their adventures and who starred in them? The Museum's archaeologists invite you to discover together with them the answers to all these mysteries and the 'unknown', stories of the dispersal of some of the most important works of the Acropolis.

Day: 18/5

English: 12:00 & 14:00

Greek: 17:00 & 18:00

The gallery talk will continue every Sunday from 22/5 until 18/2 (11:00 in English and 13:00 in Greek)

Family trail 'The Parthenon Sculptures. 6 short stories of separation'

On the same day will be available the new family trail 'The Parthenon Sculptures. 6 short stories of separation'. Our young visitors will walk towards the Parthenon Gallery on the Museum's third floor, where they will discover the, perhaps most famous, sculptures worldwide! But not all of them... A part of these is located elsewhere... The details behind where, when, how and why they went missing will be discovered through the adventures of six famous sculptures showcased in the pamphlet. By the end of the activity, children will have the chance to describe their thoughts and feelings about the dispersal of the sculptures, through paintings and phrases, in the special pages of the pamphlet, which they will leave behind upon their exit from the Museum. The family trail will be available at the Information Desk, at the Museum ground floor. At the same area, children will leave the special pages with their feelings, once they have completed their exploration.

Presentation 'Digital Acropolis Museum. New interactive applications'

Within the framework of the project 'Creation of the Digital Acropolis Museum', the Museum developed, among others, a series of applications with touch screens, which remain inactive due to covid-19 healthcare protocols. However, on May 18th, these touch screens will be turned on for three hours and the Museums' archaeologists will be there to present these innovative digital applications that highlight various aspects of the exhibits and offer a unique experience by creating a new exciting world for kids and grownups alike.

Day: 18/5

Hours: 11:00 - 14:00