

ETIQUETTE FOR VISITING THE INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF ART

TOUCH WITH THE EYES

Oils from hands can seriously damage a painting or sculpture. Museums have special equipment to control the temperature and amount of moisture in the air. This is because artwork and artifacts must be kept in a controlled environment. If works of art become damaged, they can never be replaced. They are one of a kind! We ask, then, that you not touch any parts of any of the Museum exhibits—even the cases, these are often works of art themselves, custom made to fit certain pieces.

At some museums, visitors are encouraged to touch exhibits with their hands; at art museums, visitors must learn to touch with their eyes. Good art can always be “felt” with the eyes. You can practice this by focusing on a work of art in a book, at school, or at home. Gaze at the scene pictured in the work. What textures are there? The soft feel of a flower petal? The cool touch of a lake?

REMEMBER THIS IS A 100 YEAR OLD HOUSE

The Turney home, the building which houses the International Museum of Art, is one hundred years old. Most of the original fixtures: the staircase banisters, doorknobs, doors, windows, flooring, etc. remain. This is because the home has been cared for so well. Remember when walking on the wooden floor in the grand ballroom or descending the marble staircase to the lower level, you are walking on one hundred years of history. Be extra careful!!!

LISTEN TO YOUR GUIDE

Our tour guides have been with the Museum for many years and know much about the Turney home and the exhibits. **Don't speak while your guides are speaking.** If you have a question, raise your hand, and the guide will call on you.

BE READY TO LEARN

The International Museum of Art has something for everyone. From the casting of Pancho Villa's death mask to the collection of antique dolls, this is not your everyday art museum!

USE THE FACILITIES BEFORE YOU VISIT THE MUSEUM

With such a short time and so much to see, you won't want to miss a moment of the tour. Be sure to visit the restroom facilities before visiting the Museum