ADULT GROUP TOUR RULES AND GUIDELINES

HEALTH AND SAFETY

In light of recent health updates and guidelines from local and state authorities, the Bowers Museum will lift all remaining mask requirements for visitors, including in the auditorium and on group tours, beginning April 1. Complimentary masks will continue to be available at the Museum Admissions Desk and visitors are welcome to wear them per their comfort level. Vaccination proof will continue to be required for all staff and volunteers only. Unvaccinated visitors are encouraged to mask, but proof of vaccination will not be required upon entry to the Museum.

PARKING

Cars may park in the north parking lot. The parking fee is $6.00 per car from 10am – 4:00pm. Buses may park on 20th Street in the designated passenger loading zone for the duration of your visit for free as space allows.

ARRIVAL

Please arrive 10-15 minutes before your scheduled tour. Please contact us at (714)567-3642 if your group will be late for their scheduled tour.

CHECK-IN

We recommend entering through the South Entrance (see image below), where upon entering you will be in our Key Courtyard. Your group can gather here, while upon arrival the group leader will check in at the Bowers Museum admission desk at the south entrance. There you will also be introduced to docent(s), who will escort your group to the gallery where your tour is to take place.

BAGS

Backpacks, oversized purses, briefcases, and luggage are not permitted in the galleries at any time. The Bowers Museum reserves the right to inspect purses, briefcases and packages as employees and visitors enter and leave the premises.
PHOTOGRAPHY

Still photography is permitted at the Bowers for private, noncommercial use. Photographs may not be published, sold, reproduced, transferred, distributed, or used commercially in any manner.

The use of flash photography and/or tripods is prohibited at all times.

For inquiries related to press or commercial filming/photography opportunities at the Bowers, please visit our Online Pressroom.

FOOD AND DRINKS

Food and Drink are not allowed in the Museum's galleries or Kershaw Auditorium. Food and drink are available for purchase at Tangata, our beautiful restaurant in the Margaret Key Courtyard.

STROLLERS

Baby strollers are permitted at all times in the permanent collection galleries. However, the use of strollers may be restricted in special exhibition galleries due to certain loan restrictions and high visitor volume in these areas.

SKETCHING

Sketching is permitted in the Bowers' permanent collection galleries and special exhibitions. You may write down notes or sketch in the galleries, but only using dry media, such as No. 2 pencils. Please refrain from leaning against walls or glass cases while sketching.

RESTROOMS AND DRINKING FOUNTAINS

Restrooms are located on the main floor in Dorothy and Donald Kennedy Wing in the Anthony W. and Sharon D. Thompson Foyer and off the John M. Lee Court in the Dr. Wan-Lin & Assumpta Kiang Family Foundation Rotunda. Restrooms in the Historic Wing are located off the Main Foyer. All of these restrooms locations are wheelchair-accessible. Drinking fountains are located near the restrooms in the Dorothy and Donald Kennedy Wing.

RE-ENTRY

You may not re-enter a Special Ticketed Exhibition.

You may exit the Museum and our permanent collections and return later in the day if you would like. Tickets are valid from the printed entrance time through the end of operating hours on the day of your visit. Just remember: please retain your admission sticker and ticket stub to present upon re-entry.

ANIMALS

Animals are not permitted at the Bowers. The only exception is for service animals on a leash and under their masters’ control as authorized by applicable law.
GALLERY BEHAVIOR

Touching any of the artwork in the galleries is strictly prohibited. Many are very fragile, and even the stroke of a gentle finger can leave a residue of damaging oil on an object. For your protection and safety, no climbing is allowed on outdoor sculptures.

WEAPONS

The use or possession of any type of weapon or explosives is strictly prohibited.

IMAGE/VIDEO USE

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