



GRIFFIN MUSEUM
OF SCIENCE+INDUSTRY

2026-27

GROUP PLANNING GUIDE





ABOUT GRIFFIN MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

Discover Griffin Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago — one of the world's largest science museums.

From a World War II submarine and a five-story movie screen to a 40-foot tornado and a real 727 airplane, your group will have endless opportunities to explore, learn and be inspired. Thanks for considering us for your visit!

VISITING GRIFFIN MSI WITH A GROUP

- Museum Hours: DAILY 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Extended hours are offered during spring break, summer and winter holidays. For the most up-to-date hours, visit griffinmsi.org/hours
- Griffin MSI is open every day except for Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.
- View our Museum map at griffinmsi.org/map or pick up a printed map when you arrive.
- Groups of 15 or more receive a discount on bookings for General Admission, as well as discounts on additional tours, ticketed experiences and temporary special exhibits.

WHY VISIT GRIFFIN MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

- Included in the unique collection of artifacts are the U-505 submarine, a full-size replica coal mine, a 40-foot tornado and the Apollo 8 Command module.
- The exhibits at Griffin MSI are designed to be hands-on and interactive so guests of all ages can learn and explore.
- Griffin MSI is housed in a building that was originally the Palace of Fine Arts at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, making it a historic architectural landmark.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I book a group reservation?

Please complete an online group reservation request form at griffinmsi.org/groups.

If you are requesting a group reservation within two weeks of your preferred visit date, please call us at 773.684.1414 or email groups@griffinmsi.org.

How many people are required to receive a group discount?

Groups of 15 or more guests receive a discount when reserving at least two weeks in advance.

How do I get to Griffin Museum of Science and Industry?

Griffin Museum of Science and Industry is located in the beautiful Hyde Park neighborhood, just steps away from Lake Michigan and minutes from downtown Chicago. Take DuSable Lake Shore Drive to the 57th Street exit. See griffinmsi.org/getting-here for a detailed map.

When is the best time to visit the Museum?

Groups arriving on a weekday prior to 10 a.m. or after 2 p.m. will generally find fewer crowds.

Where does our motorcoach drop the group off to enter the Museum?

Convenient motorcoach access is available for drop-off and pick-up of your group.

Your reservation materials will confirm your assigned location and provide directions. You will be directed to either the group center entrance on the Museum's west side or to the main entrance drive on the building's north side.

Where can our motorcoach park?

While bus parking is not available at Griffin MSI, motorcoach parking is available at the McCormick Place truck marshalling yard, located at 31st Street and DuSable Lake Shore Drive.

MUST-SEE EXHIBITIONS

These exciting experiences are included with your Museum admission.



POWERING THE FUTURE

Our newest major permanent exhibit, exploring how energy shapes our daily lives. Put science into action on the ComEd Coil — featuring a two-story spiral slide.



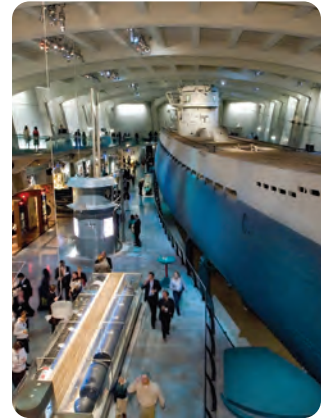
SCIENCE STORMS

Understand the science of natural phenomena, from tornados to tsunamis.



HENRY CROWN SPACE CENTER

From Apollo 8 to SpaceX, discover the history and future of space exploration.



U-505 SUBMARINE

Explore the only German submarine in the United States.



TRANSPORTATION GALLERY

Witness how humankind has flown, soared, sped and chugged throughout the years with this awe-inspiring collection of planes, trains and automobiles.



YOU! THE EXPERIENCE

Examine the experience of life itself and the connection between mind, body and spirit.



NUMBERS IN NATURE

Explore the pervasiveness of patterns in this immersive experience. Experience optical illusions, interactive activities and the centerpiece of the exhibit, the mirror maze.



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD AND HOLIDAYS OF LIGHT

Explore rich holiday traditions from around the globe while creating new ones with this beloved annual celebration. November–December.

ADD ON TIMED TICKETED EXPERIENCES

Select one of the following for General Admission Plus One group package. Each of the following requires separate timed entry.



U-505 SUBMARINE ON-BOARD TOUR

- Allows you to board the U-505 submarine, the actual craft that stalked the waters of the Atlantic before it was blown to the surface and captured on June 4, 1944.
- Allow 30 minutes prior to your scheduled tour time to explore the exhibit.
- On-board tour has limited accessibility as the submarine has stairs, uneven floors and tight quarters.
- Tour duration is approx. 25 minutes.



GIANT DOME THEATER

- Enjoy a premium theater experience on Chicago's only five-story, domed wraparound movie theater. Immerse yourself in the brightest, clearest and most colorful picture we've ever presented.
- Film duration approx. 30 minutes.



COAL MINE

- Descend down a mineshaft, take a ride on the Coal Mine train and learn about the evolution of coal mining technology through this true-to-life coal mine in a 30-minute guided walking tour.
- Please note that stairs during the tour make it inaccessible for wheelchairs and strollers.



SPECIAL EXHIBITION

Select a group package that lists **Special Exhibition** included to ensure entry to the current special exhibit.



ANNE FRANK THE EXHIBITION

Open through early 2027.

Experience the life and legacy of Anne Frank in a powerful new way.

Anne Frank The Exhibition is a first-of-its-kind, full-scale recreation of the rooms where Anne Frank and her family spent two years hiding to evade Nazi capture. Griffin MSI is the first major Museum and Chicago is only the second city in the U.S. to showcase this experience, featuring never-before-seen artifacts from Anne Frank's life.

All groups require an advanced timed reservation and include the exhibition audio guide in English or Spanish. Groups should plan to spend approximately one hour in the exhibition.

The exhibition is designed for students (ages 10 and older) and adults.



CHORAL PERFORMANCES AT GRIFFIN MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

Griffin Museum of Science and Industry offers a unique opportunity for your choral group to perform among our 14 acres of award-winning exhibits and immersive experiences. Your group will perform in the only remaining exhibition from the 1893 Columbian Exposition.

CHORAL PERFORMANCE GROUP GUIDELINES AND POLICIES

- Choral performance opportunities are exclusively available to high school student groups that are booking a group visit via a tour operator.
 - Choral groups only (we are unable to accommodate band or orchestra performances).
- Performance groups must complete a reservation, minimum of 30 days in advance.
 - A paid group visit is required to book a group performance at Griffin MSI.
 - \$50 facility and staffing fee applied to group reservation (flat cost per group).
- The maximum number of performers is approximately 40 people.
- Daily performance time options: 10:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.; 2:30 p.m.
 - Subject to availability, select blackout dates to apply.
 - Groups must arrive for their museum visit one hour prior to the performance time.
- Performance may last up to 25 minutes; this coordinates with other Museum programming.
- Songs of a religious nature, anthems, fight songs, and music that could be interpreted as culturally insensitive, offensive, or inconsistent with Griffin MSI's mission are not allowed.
 - Song selection must be submitted a minimum of 14 days in advance.
- Show choirs are not permitted to perform choreographed dance sequences.
- None of the following is permitted: batons, flags, throwable props, risers, or staging.
- Instruments cannot be accommodated due to the space and capacity of the performance area.
- Griffin MSI does not supply equipment.
- Appropriate attire is required. Changing facilities are not available for groups at Griffin MSI.

GROUP ADMISSION PACKAGES AND RATES

Select one of the following group package options

All group rates are based on a per-person price and require advance reservations of 15 or more people per group.

GENERAL ADMISSION	GROUP RATE	RETAIL RATE
Students (K-12) / Seniors (65+)	\$12.00	\$14.95
Adults	\$21.00	\$25.95

Includes permanent exhibits that do not require a timed ticket

GENERAL ADMISSION PLUS ONE	GROUP RATE	RETAIL RATE
Students (K-12) / Seniors (65+)	\$20.00	\$28.95
Adults	\$29.00	\$43.95

General Admission plus one of the following: U-505 Submarine On-Board Tour or Coal Mine or Giant Dome Theater

GENERAL ADMISSION PLUS SPECIAL EXHIBITION	GROUP RATE	RETAIL RATE
Students (K-12) / Seniors (65+)	\$22.00	\$30.95
Adults	\$32.00	\$47.95

General Admission plus current special exhibition

GENERAL ADMISSION WITH SPECIAL EXHIBITION PLUS ONE	GROUP RATE	RETAIL RATE
Students (K-12) / Seniors (65+)	\$30.00	\$44.95
Adults	\$40.00	\$65.95

General Admission plus current special exhibition and one of the following:

U-505 Submarine On-Board Tour or Coal Mine or Giant Dome Theater

- For tour operator/group planners booking a visit for a student group, the ticket package will include 1 free adult chaperone per 10 paid students.
- Group rates and packages outlined above are available for tour operators/travel professionals booking school or senior/adult groups. In addition, the group rates and packages are also available to community, corporate, scout, church, family groups and all other groups not associated with a school/field trip.



GROUP RESERVATION **POLICIES AND GUIDELINES**

CONFIRMATION

- After completing the group reservation booking online you will receive a confirmation. Your tickets are not reserved until we send you the official confirmation for your group visit. Upon receipt of the group confirmation please review and ensure the date, time and group count are correct.

PAYMENT DUE DATE

- Full Payment is due at least 14 days prior to your visit date.
- Reservations will be cancelled if payment is not completed 14 days prior to the scheduled visit date.
- Group reservation made within 14 days of the visit date must be paid in full at the time the booking is completed

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- Cancellations made prior to 14 days of your visit date will be refunded if the payment has been previously completed.
- Cancellations made less than 14 days in advance of the scheduled visit date are non-refundable.

FINAL GROUP COUNT DUE

- Please modify your final group count a minimum of 14 days prior to the scheduled visit date. Students and/or chaperones not included in the final count will be charged full-regular price admission upon arriving at the Museum.



GROUP DINING OPTIONS

Include a meal during your group visit at Griffin MSI. Pre-purchase Museum meal vouchers or reserve dining space if you are planning to bring your own bag lunches.

GROUP LUNCH VOUCHERS (\$22 PER PERSON)

Pre-paid meal vouchers are good for one entrée, one side and one canned water or fountain drink in the Museum Kitchen.

- **Entrée Options:** Baked Pasta, Chicken Tenders, Burger, Pizza Slice, Sandwich, Wrap or Salad
- **Side Options:** Mac and Cheese, Fries, Soup, Bag of Chips, Whole Fruit, Cookie, Pasta Salad or Potato Salad
- **Beverage Options:** Fountain Soda or Canned Water

Choose the “buying group lunch vouchers” option while completing your group visit reservation request.

Seating is open and is subject to availability.

BRINGING YOUR LUNCH

Bringing your own bag lunches requires scheduling a time and space to eat. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to choose the “bringing your own lunch” option while completing your group visit reservation.



CONTACT US



Please reach out if you have any questions.

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GROUP SALES OFFICE HOURS

- Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Central Time)
- Closed on Saturdays and Sundays and select U.S. Holidays.