



SCHOOL VISITS

Benefits of learning through art at WAM

The Museum makes me feel passionate about African artworks.

- Student

Art can make your future successful!

- Student

This museum made me feel proud to call myself an African citizen. Respect and knowledge is what the museum taught me.

- Student

At first I didn't like art. I did not give it a chance ... I had never experienced how amazing art is. But I came into this museum and discovered cool 'ish' about art.

- Molemo, Student

The artworks displayed and the discussions were informative and engaging. The art collection at the Museum communicates, teaches and also inspires the young learners who want to venture into arts in the future.

- Lotshiwe, Life Orientation Teacher

The art is always interesting. Learning guide interaction was excellent. I will definitely bring my learners again; they've seen the world differently.

- Beki, English teacher

The museum is rich in history and showcases artwork that is really relevant and easily incorporated into the CAPS Curriculum.

- Nqobile, English teacher

Thank you for having us - the guide gave us just the right amount of background and our visit was a wonderful experience. The learners responded so well to seeing the actual works that some of them had seen in slides. They were really "touched" - as they put it.

- Debbie, Subject Head Visual Art

Inspirational cross-curricular learning experiences that

- Foster curiosity
- Open young eyes to new ideas and perspectives that are relevant to their lives
- Develop analytical skills and critical thinking
- Develop visual literacy
- Build confidence
- Spark creativity
- Create opportunities for students to express their own ideas and feelings

There are 10 - 12 new temporary exhibitions each year

You can request guided tours or self-guide your group

Educational resources create interactive, meaningful and relevant experiences for your students

WAM has a permanent collection of over 12 000 historical and contemporary African artworks



Planning your visit

Reservations are essential for groups.

Telephone: 011 717 1378

Email: info.wam@wits.ac.za

Museum opening hours:

Tuesday to Saturday, 10h00 to 16h00

Cost: R30 per learner for guided tours. Payment can be made via eft or cash on arrival. Once you have made a reservation, you will receive a confirmation email and banking details if applicable.

Timing

Groups should arrive fifteen minutes before their scheduled start time. If your group arrives late, your tour will be shortened accordingly to finish at the original end time. If your group arrives more than half an hour late, your tour will unfortunately be cancelled.

Transport and parking

Parking at WAM is on street only. Please drop off your learners on the corner of Bertha and Jorissen streets, Braamfontein, and park the vehicle opposite Origins Centre on Yale Road (entrance off Empire Road). 20 minutes before you are ready to leave, phone your driver for collection.

Group size

For guided museum visits, classes will be split into smaller groups of 30 learners maximum. We recommend you divide your classes in advance of the visit. After the tour, groups are welcome to remain in the Museum after their designated tour times. These students are the responsibility of their teachers and chaperones and must abide by all rules for self-guided groups.

What to bring

Students' belongings will be checked in at the security desk upon arrival. Students should avoid bringing any valuable items with them to the Museum.

WAM will provide all necessary lesson supplies.

No food and drink is permitted in the museum. The Museum does not have lunchroom facilities for students.

Visiting with your students

Educators can book for a guided tour OR self-guide their groups. Our dynamic education team will work with you to tailor the perfect school visit.

Docent-led guided tours

WAM docents (museum guides) lead interactive, theme-based lessons that explore three to four works of art in depth through discussion, writing, drawing, or small-group work in the galleries. After your reservation is confirmed, our team will contact you via phone or e-mail to develop a lesson suited to your curricular needs and interests. A docent is assigned to every 30 students to ensure an intimate and engaging learning experience. All our docents are volunteers so booking of guided tours is required at least one week in advance.

Self-guided visits

Educators are welcome to lead their own classes in the Museum's galleries during opening hours, Tuesday to Saturday: 10h00 to 16h00. Entrance to WAM is free, but as we are a small museum please let us know when you are visiting with your students so we can ensure that you have room to explore the galleries comfortably.

Education resource

Each year, WAM produces an educational booklet for one prominent exhibition in the programme. This booklet has spaces for your learners to draw and write down thoughts about what they see, think and feel. Learners produce a personal exhibition resource to take home with them.

Teacher events

WAM hosts special teachers' workshops that are open to all educators at no charge. The event is facilitated by an experienced educator from the Wits Education Department.

Keep an eye on our website and social media for this year's dates.

Join WAM's mailing list

<https://www.wits.ac.za/wam/>
(See second paragraph under Operating Hours) on landing page.

