

Information for School Groups

Thank you for scheduling a visit to the Freer|Sackler. Please review this information to ensure a successful museum experience.

Next Steps for All Visits

Arrange for at least one chaperone per ten students. Chaperones must stay with their group the entire tour.

Read the Museum Guidelines with your students and share the information with your chaperones. Complete a pre-visit activity to prepare your students for their visit to the Freer|Sackler.

Next Steps for Reserved Tours Only

Discuss your tour when the F|S docent contacts you in advance.

Please return any messages as soon as possible.

Divide your class into groups of about ten students each prior to arrival.

Arrival for All Visits

Enter the Freer|Sackler through the the Freer Gallery via the National Mall entrance at 12th Street and Jefferson Drive, SW. Leave all bags, lunches, and coats on the bus or at your school whenever possible. Security officers will inspect all bags brought into the museums.

Arrival for Reserved Tours Only

Arrive at least ten minutes before the start of your tour. A late arrival could result in a shorter tour.

Cancellation, Changes, and Late Arrivals

For weekday visits, call the tour scheduler immediately at 202.633.1012 or email AsiaTours@si.edu to report all cancellations and changes. For late arrivals, please call the tour scheduler at 202.633.1012.

For weekend cancellations and changes, please call 202.633.2843 or 202.633.2834 and inform staff or leave a message stating your changes.

Bus Parking

Buses can park on a first-come, first-served basis in several areas around the museums. For information, please contact the Mall Operations Office of the National Park Service at 202.426.6841.

Parking

Timed parking for cars and vans around the National Mall is limited, and the three-hour posted regulations are enforced. Parking is also available in nearby commercial lots and garages.

Where to Eat

The Freer|Sackler does not offer facilities for eating. For information on dining locations, go to si.edu/dining.

Vision, Learning, and Mobility Considerations

Prior to your visit, please discuss specific needs with your F|S docent or the F|S tour scheduler. Subject to availability, we can provide tours in some foreign languages, sign language, and for visitors with visual impairments.

Location

Please enter the Freer Gallery through the National Mall entrance on Jefferson Drive, SW, pictured below. The Freer|Sackler is located on the National Mall between Independence Avenue and Jefferson Drive, SW, near the Smithsonian Castle. The closest intersection is 12th Street and Jefferson Drive, SW.

