KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Cooper Hewitt
Smithsonian Design Museum

Design Field Trips
Today I am going to visit Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum located at 2 E 91st Street between Madison and 5th Avenue.
When I arrive at the museum I go up a few **stairs** or take an **elevator** to the Great Hall.
A museum educator will greet us there too.
I will get a Cooper Hewitt sticker to put on my clothes.
I will also see security guards around the museum.

Security guards are at the museum to make sure we are safe.
I will take the stairs... or the elevator to the ground floor.
When I get to the ground floor, I will put my backpack and jacket into a grey bin so I don’t have to carry them around during my visit.
The educator I am with will tell me what to do next. First, we will talk about important rules I need to follow to keep myself, others, and objects safe.
I cannot have food or drinks in the galleries.

If I am hungry or thirsty, I can ask my teacher to bring me to the cafe or garden to eat.
If I need a quiet break, my teacher can take me to the **conservatory** on the first floor...

or the **area below the stairs** on the ground floor.
If I need a break somewhere I can be loud, I can ask my teacher to take me to the garden...

or the ground floor!
If I need to use the toilet, I can ask to go to the bathroom. My teacher can help me get there.
There are areas in the museum that I can only look at.

There are also areas in the museum that I can look at and touch.
It’s important that I listen to the museum educator because they will let me know what I can and can’t touch.

The museum educator loves questions, so I can ask them if I am unsure or don’t know something!
There are other people who are visiting the museum.

I should remember to be respectful of others and my surroundings and use indoor voice volumes.
While I am visiting the museum, I will do both a tour and a workshop.

I will explore lots of different things. I will be able to make my own designs too!
During the tour, I will learn about design objects that I see in the galleries.

I will have conversations with my class.

I will get to ask many questions about the exhibits we are looking at.
For the workshop, I will create my own designs using different materials. The educator will guide me through the steps.

I might be brainstorming with pencils and paper.

My class workshop activity will be related to what I look at during the tour.

Or building with cardboard and tape.
When the workshop ends I will tidy my space.
I will pick up my coat and backpack from the grey bins when it’s time to leave.
I will then leave the museum with my group, excited to share the interesting things I did and learned with my family when I get home!