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Your visit

Free entry
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Welcome

The National Museum of Scotland takes you on a fascinating journey of wonder and discovery. Uncover the story of Dolly the sheep, test drive a Formula One car, discover the legend of the Lewis Chessmen and trace Scotland's story from Pictish stones to modern-day marvels.

Guided tours

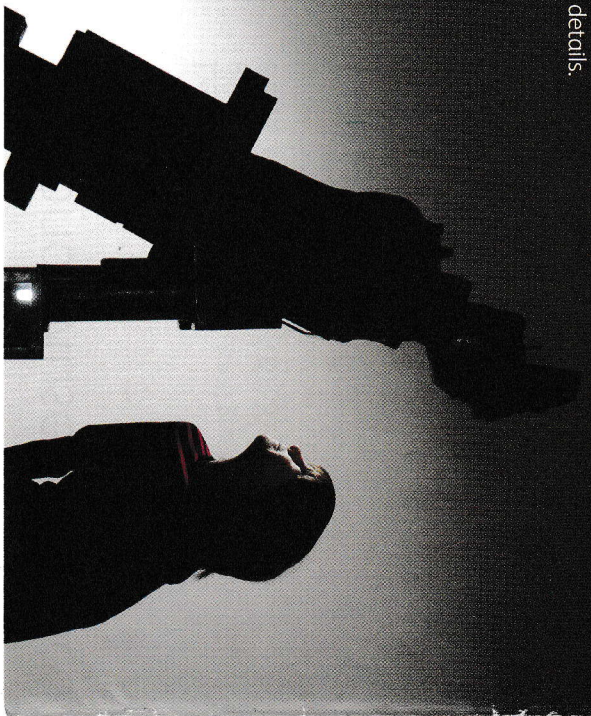
Travel to another time and place with one of our expert guides. Tours are free and subjects and times are listed on our What's On plasma screens, or ask at our Information Desk.

Audio-visual programmes

Audio-visual programmes have been installed in our Scottish Collections galleries. Experience the hustle and bustle of medieval life in Burghs on Level 1; celebrate the people who helped shape the fabric of a nation in Scottish Textiles; Past to Present on Level 3 or explore Scottish emigration, causes and consequences in Scotland and the World on Level 5.

Find out more

Pick up one of our site leaflets and find out about exhibitions, festival and family events, workshops, Curator Talks, Science at the Museum events and tours. Leaflets are also available in large print, Braille or on CD – ask at the Information Desk for details.



What's on 2010

The Lewis Chessmen: Unmasked

Fri 21 May – Sun 19 September, Level 3, Free

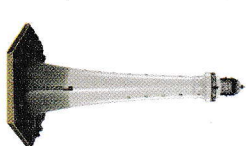
This major exhibition will cast fresh light on one of the most significant archaeological discoveries ever made in Scotland. Re-examine the myths and theories and learn about where they were found. Featuring 30 chess pieces, 24 from the British Museum and six from National Museums Scotland. Going on tour throughout Scotland.



Shining Lights

Fri 15 October – Sun 3 April, Level 3, Free

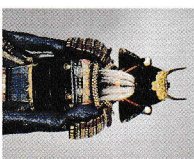
1 February 2011 marks the 200th anniversary of the completion and lighting of the Bell Rock Lighthouse, which took four years to complete. This fantastic feat of engineering will be celebrated as the central part of an exhibition highlighting the personal stories of the people who designed, built and operated lighthouses.



Treasured: Wonderful Things, Amazing Stories

Open now, Level 5, Free

Celebrate the wonder and diversity of the world class collections which will go on display in 2011, part of the Royal Museum Project.



Scotland: A Changing Nation

Open now, Level 6, Free

From the First World War to the present day, *Scotland: A Changing Nation* traces the varied experiences of people living and working in Scotland. Through first-hand accounts, significant objects and film, you can examine how Scotland has been shaped into the nation it is today.



Royal Museum Project

The Royal Museum Project is now underway. The £46 million project will transform the eastern half of the National Museum into a museum for the future, with 16 new galleries, two new shops and restaurants, better visitor access and facilities. To find out more, pick up a leaflet or visit our website www.nms.ac.uk/royalmuseumproject



Level 7

Roof Terrace

Enjoy spectacular views over Edinburgh and the surrounding countryside.

Level 6

Scotland: A Changing Nation

Discover the lives of real people in Scotland from the First World War to the present day through personal stories, film and objects. See memorabilia from Scottish sporting heroes at the Scottish Sports Hall of Fame.

Level 5

Industry And Empire (1707–1914)

Follow in the footsteps of Scots who moved from country to city and life abroad. Tales of urban life, leisure activities, shipping, innovation in science, technology and the arts unfold. See the Fisher Overmantel and Silver Treasury. **Treasured: Wonderful Things**, **Amazing Stories**. Celebrate the wonder and diversity of our world class collections.

Level 4

Industry and Empire (1707–1914)

What made Scotland 'the workshop of the world'? Find out about the many industries including railway engineering, shipbuilding and whisky distilling. Push the buttons on the mechanical trains and view the Whisky Still.

Level 3

Special Exhibitions gallery

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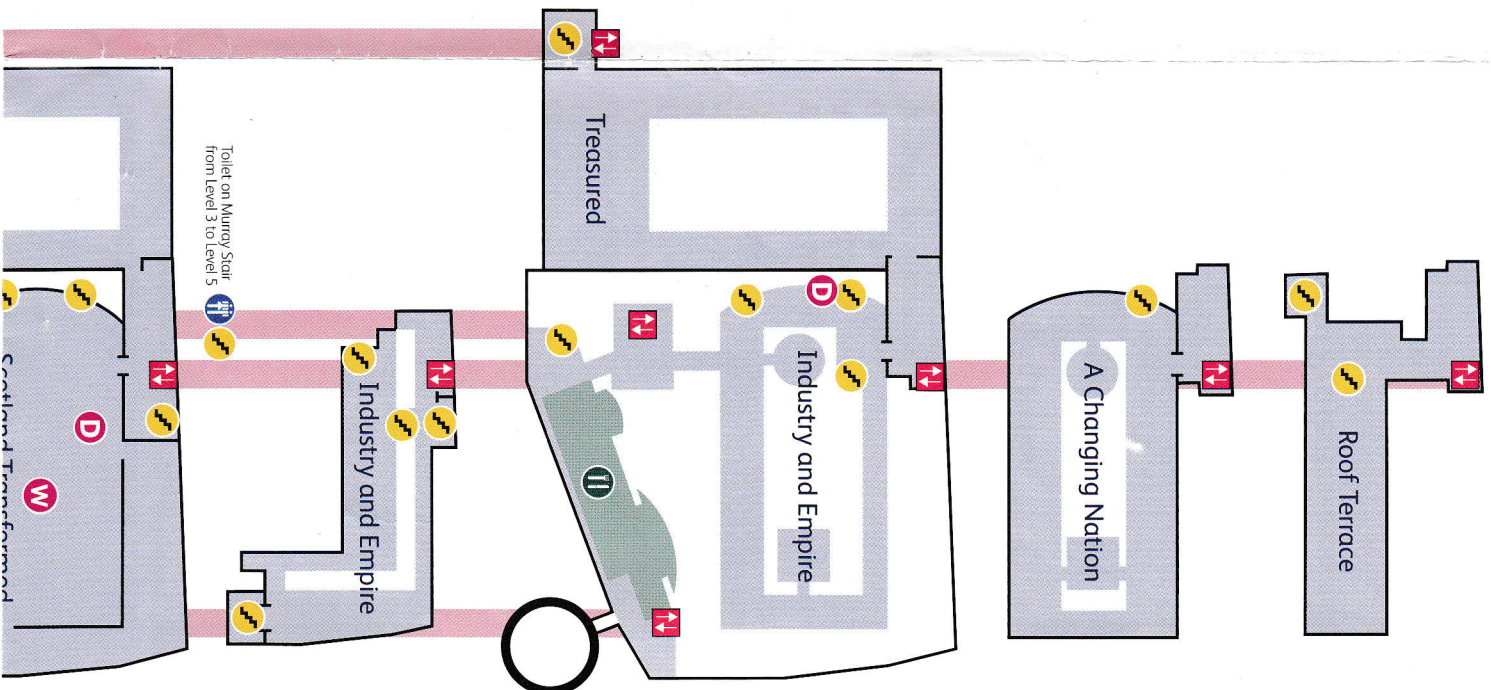
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Scotland Transformed

(1707–19th Century)

Explore Scotland from the Union of the English and Scottish parliaments to the coming of an industrial age. Exhibits include the working Newcomen Engine and crofters Cruck Framed house.

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Discovery zones

Get your hands on history! Can you squeeze into an 18th-century corset, fire a medieval catapult or fit a broken pot back together?

Tower Restaurant

Enjoy classic Scottish cuisine and skyline views at the acclaimed Tower Restaurant. Tel 0131 225 3003, last reservations 23:00.

Time for tea?

Hungry? Enjoy a coffee or quick bite to eat in our boutique café, Café Delos (now in Hawthornden Court) open daily till 16:30.

Shopping

Why not take away a memento of your visit from our museum shop? Choose from our great range of souvenirs, gifts, jewellery, books, toys and cards.

Audio guides

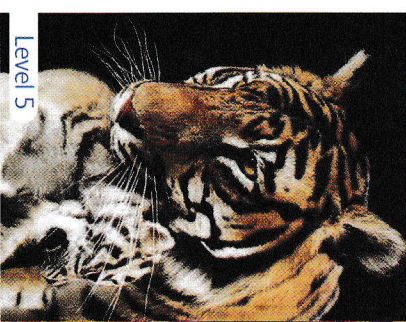
Prefer to go at your own pace? Multi-lingual audio guides for our Scottish Collections galleries are available at Hawthornden Court. Audio guides are available in English, French, German, Gaelic, Spanish or Italian.



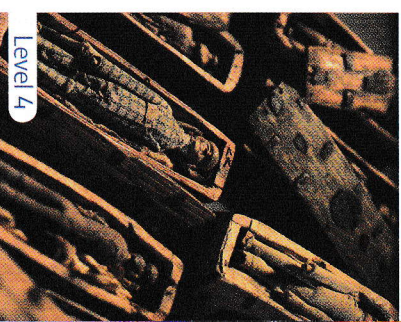
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the first invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell right up to mobile technology and beyond.

Working engines

Newcomen engine and
Douglas and Grant engine 10:40–16:10 daily.

Level 2

The Kingdom of the Scots (900–1707)

Continue your journey through Scotland's past and see weapons used in the Jacobite uprisings.

Level 1 (ground level)

The Kingdom of the Scots (900–1707)

Find out how Scotland emerged as a nation. View the icons of Scotland's past – objects connected with some of the most famous events and best-known figures in history, from the Maiden guillotine to Mary, Queen of Scots.

Connect Gallery

Fun for all the family in our colourful hands-on gallery. Visit Dolly the sheep, design a robot, test drive a Formula One car or blast off into outer space.

Working engines

Boulton and Watt engine daily at quarter past the hour 10:15–16:15.

Level +

The Kingdom of the Scots (900–1707)

See a range of fascinating objects including the Fettermeir Banner, a Medieval church banner.

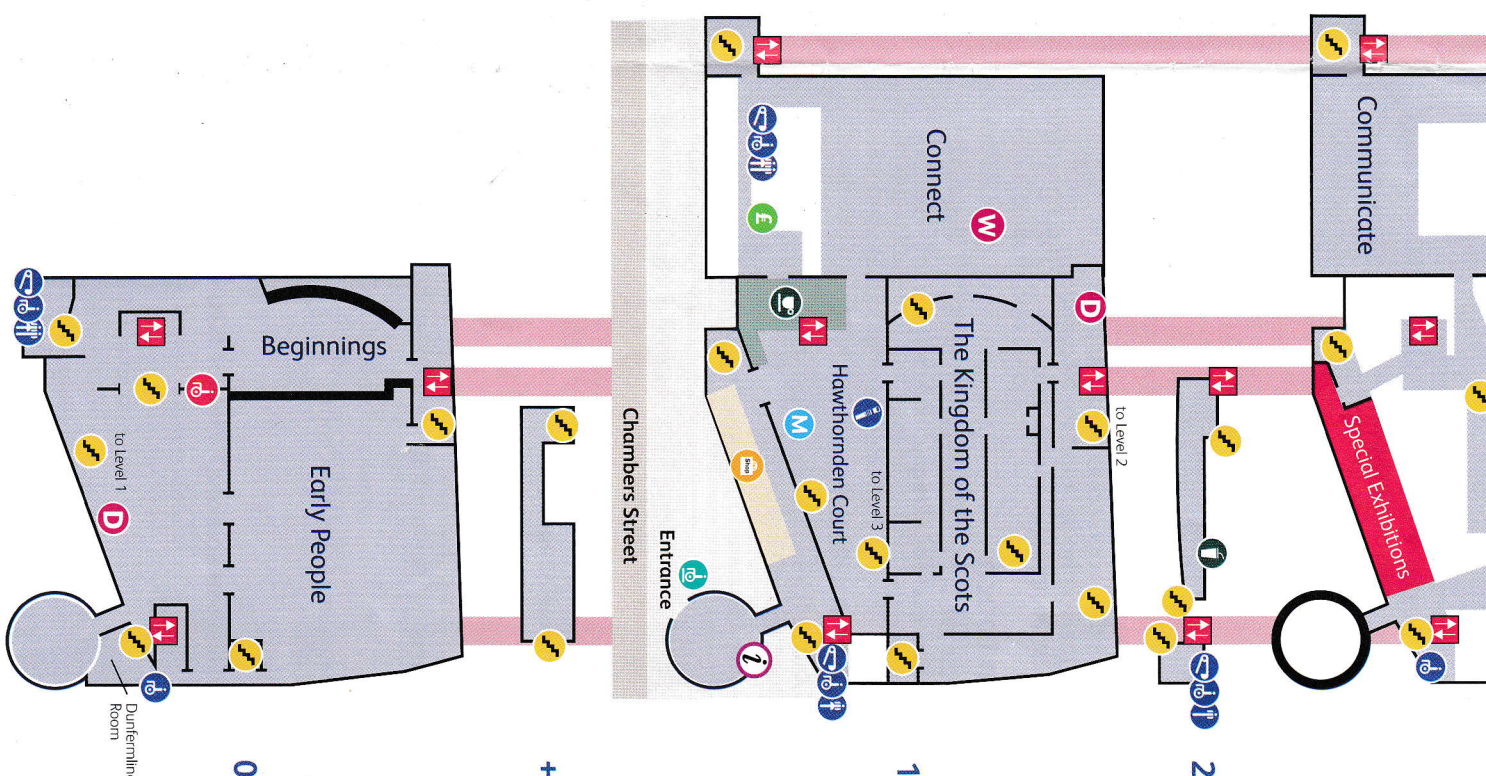
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Beginnings

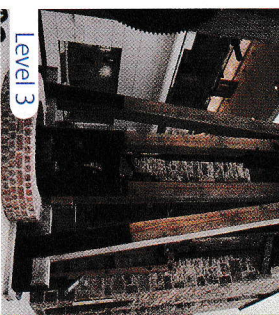
See how the formation of the landscape and evolution of wildlife in Scotland has changed from 3,400 million to five thousand years ago. View the Arthur's Seat diorama.

Early People (8000C–AD1100)

View over 5,000 objects in the largest gallery of the Museum revealing the people of prehistory, their domestic life, travel and trade, warfare and power, spiritual life and ceremonies. Look out for the Cramond Lioness and Pictish Stones.



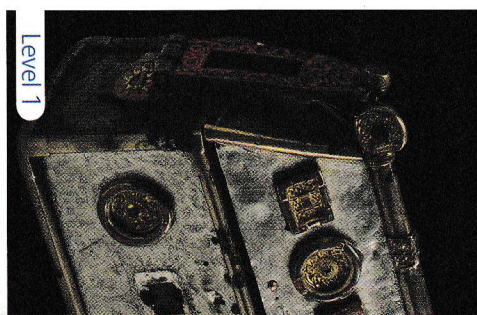
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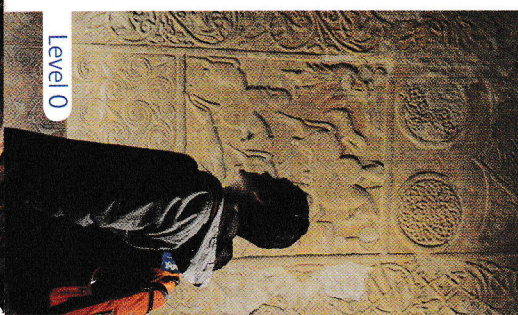
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