

Information for Taught Museum Session:

The Maya Hands-on Workshop, including Guided Trail

Use objects to build up a picture of what life was like for the Maya people living in the Classic period AD300-900.

Key stage 2

National Curriculum Subject Areas:

History Mayan civilisation c. AD 900

Art Know about craftmakers

Length of session: 75 minutes

Maximum group size: 32

Session Outline

- Welcome to the Museum (10 minutes)
- Fun handling activity where pupils work out the identity of mystery Maya objects (30 mins)
- Interactive guided tour of Maya objects around the Museum (20 mins)
- Designing a Maya headdress (15 minutes)
- Please organise groups to have a ratio of one Education Guide to every ten pupils

Learning Outcomes

Aims

- Build up a picture of what life was like in Classic Maya AD300-900 and consider what traditions continue for the Modern Maya
- Consider what is important to the Maya people

Key concepts

- Clothes and appearance
- Calendars and Gods
- Food and farming
- Leisure
- Weaving
- Materials and trade
- Modern Maya

“ Really enjoyable and valuable session. We’ve all learnt a lot more about Ancient Maya and absolutely loved it. Thank you!” (Yr4 teacher)



Pre-visit activities

- Find out where the Classic Maya lived and where the Modern Maya now live.
- Find out about the ball game Pok-A-Tok.

Post-visit activities

- Make hot chocolate the Maya way!
- Make a headdress based on the design you created in the Museum.
- Design a huipil (shirt) with patterns distinct for your community, just as the Maya have specific designs for villages

Booking information:

Booking is essential for all groups

We require a ratio of 1 adult to 10 pupils

Monday 12.00 – 4.30

Tuesday to Sundays 10.00 – 4.30

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Access is gained through the Oxford University Museum of Natural History.

Visits to this Museum must be booked separately using these contact details:

01865 282451 education@oum.ox.ac.uk

Facilities

- Lunch can be eaten on the Museum lawn or in the University Parks in fine weather. If you require a space for lunch please discuss this when making your booking.
- The museum is fully accessible to visitors with disability, with an adapted toilet and lift to all floors. A disabled parking space may be booked in advance.

The cost for this session is £100. By supporting the Museum with this charge you are helping us meet some of the costs that go towards running our educational activities and ensuring that we can continue to develop new and exciting sessions for schools.

