



Pre-visit Script

Please read the following on the bus before your arrival.

Welcome to the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, the state art museum of Florida. This Museum was a gift of the Ringlings to the State of Florida, and this is your Museum! We hope that you enjoy your visit today, and ask only that you follow a few simple Museum rules.

If you have a docent-led tour scheduled: You will meet your docent in the Visitor's Pavilion. The docent is a highly trained guide that will tell you wonderful information. They will be with you for approximately one hour.

Stay with your chaperone throughout your visit.

You should not be carrying anything - backpacks, bags, totes, food and drink containers and coolers, and lunch bags are **not** allowed in the Museum buildings.

Artwork Etiquette

- Do not touch any art objects, including furniture, statues and walls
- Do not stand within touching distance of any objects
- Do not lean on the furniture – these are also exhibits and art objects

Please walk when you are in the Museum buildings, instead of running, jumping, or shoving. The use of trams while on museum grounds is advised for those students and chaperones with special needs - walk with your group whenever possible.

Speak quietly so that other visitors are not distracted. If a tour is in the same room as you, please be especially quiet.

No flash photography is allowed in any of the galleries, and no photography of any kind is allowed in the Searing Wing.

We write with pencil and paper only inside museum buildings – no pens, markers, or crayons allowed.

We will visit the Museum Store, in the Visitor's Pavilion, at the **end** of your visit.