

Discover the Treasures at the Akron Art Museum

The Akron Art Museum offers a variety of tour options for all ages and interest levels.

General Tours

FREE "Five Favorites" Public Tours

On most Saturdays and Sundays at 2 pm, museum docents lead "Five Favorites" tours during which they share their current personal favorites on view in the museum's galleries. These tours are a fun, quick way to become acquainted with the museum's collection and other exhibitions on view!

Motorcoach Tours

The Akron Art Museum is a motorcoach-friendly site with many different amenities for groups including a special bus pull-off and group tour entrance, handicap accessibility and easily accessible restrooms and a museum store. In addition we provide complimentary admission for the group escort and driver. FAM tours are available for tour operators upon request.

Guided Tour Choices

Building & Highlights Tour: An Introduction to the Akron Art Museum

Explore daring architectural ideas and spaces that connect past, present and future as demonstrated by the Akron Art Museum's recently completed expansion project designed by Viennese architectural firm COOP HIMMELB(L)AU. Docents will lead your group through the museum's new and renovated spaces in the 1899 and John S. and James L. Knight buildings as well as introducing you to highlights from the museum's collection, focused on art produced since 1850. This tour lasts approximately one hour.

Akron Art Museum Collection Highlights Tour (Collection works only)

Sample the treasures currently on view in the more than 12,000 square feet of gallery. Docents will lead your group through an introduction to the museum's collection, focused on art produced since 1850 that includes outstanding examples of turn-of-the-twentieth century realism, American impressionism and an eclectic array of late twentieth-century Pop art, surrealist and post-modern works. Prepare to encounter the work of local and international artists, folk artists, rising stars and some of the most established and respected artists in the art world. This tour lasts approximately one hour.

In Our Own Backyard: Exploring Ohio Art & Artists

Discover the multitude of Ohio artists represented in the Akron Art Museum's collection and the richness and diversity they bring to the galleries. On this guided tour, docents will introduce your group to the inspired visions of Ohio artists and the ways they depicted both the urban and rural sides of the Ohio landscape. Highlights include a visit to the gallery dedicated exclusively to the works of William Sommer, one of this region's most important historical artists. This tour lasts approximately 45 minutes to one hour.

Mod Squad: An Introduction to Modern and Contemporary Art

"Why is that considered art?" "My kid could paint that!" "I just don't get it." "I don't like modern art." Sound familiar? Modern art can be a puzzle. Let our docents help you put the pieces together! What exactly do artists mean when they talk about abstraction? Explore how abstract artists "see" their subjects and some of the reasons they reinterpret their subjects in less-than-literal styles. Discover how artists took art and ideas in new directions by using line, shape, color and unorthodox materials in innovative and exciting ways. This tour lasts approximately 45 minutes to one hour.

Information

Current Special Exhibitions

For information and descriptions of special exhibitions currently available for tours, visit the current and upcoming exhibitions page at www.AkronArtMuseum.org.

Scheduling a Private Tour

Requests must be made at least 3 weeks (15 business days) prior to the requested date. All requests are subject to docent availability and museum schedules.

Scheduling a Tour



Visitors can request a tour using either of the following options:

Online: To request a tour online visit www.AkronArtMuseum.org and click on the Tour tab. Please provide all requested information and be sure to click "submit."

Phone: Call the museum's tour hotline at 330.376.9186 x247 and leave a detailed message with the following information:

- Your name, the group's name and a phone number and/or e-mail address where you can be reached;
- The preferred date and time of tour;
- The tour subject/theme; and
- The total number of visitors in your group

After we have received your information by completed form or phone message, a museum representative will check the availability of the requested dates and times and contact you within 3 business days. If you have any questions regarding your tour, contact Director of Education Missy Higgins at 330.376.9186 x229. Your tour is officially scheduled upon your receipt of mailed or emailed tour confirmation materials. If tour confirmation materials are not received at least one week before your requested date, contact the museum's education department.

Times

Tours are available during regular museum hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11am - 5pm, with the last tour starting at 3:30; Thursdays, 11 am-9 pm, with the last tour starting at 7:30. The museum is closed Monday, Tuesday and major holidays.

Tour Size

The minimum number of visitors for a private group tour is 8. The museum can comfortably accommodate groups of up to 50 visitors for adult tours. Large groups will be divided into smaller groups of 10-12 people.

Eating Lunch at the Museum

Tour groups may pre-order boxed lunches from a special menu or a catered lunch with table service. For more information on eating at the museum, please contact 330.376.9186 x212 or sParker@AkronArtMuseum.org.

Rates and Admissions*

Payment is due upon arrival at the museum and may be paid at the Visitor Services Desk. In order to maximize your time in the galleries and expedite check-in, groups of more than 15 people must pay with a single transaction.

- The general admission rate for adult visitors is \$7 per person.
- Tour groups of 15 or more visitors receive the special admission rate of \$6 per visitor.
- The admission rate for senior visitors (ages 65 and up) is always \$5 per visitor.
- Akron Art Museum members are free. Members must present their membership cards upon arrival.
- Reciprocal members of other arts institutions receive free admission into the collection galleries, but pay regular admission fees when participating in a docent or staff-led tour.

Bus tour groups are eligible for up to two complimentary admissions, one for the tour organizer and one for the group's bus driver.

*Admission to special exhibitions may include an additional surcharge.

Tour Admission Policy for Non-Profit Social Service Agencies

In an effort to make the visitor experience accessible to all, Akron Art Museum is delighted to offer complimentary tours to beneficiaries of non-profit social service agencies whose clients would otherwise be financially unable to visit the museum.