



PLAN CLASS FIELD TRIPS EARLY!

Da Vinci—The Genius New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science February 10 – July 29, 2018



An exhibition to inspire students of all ages is available at regular group low-rates. High demand expected, don't miss out!

(Albuquerque, New Mexico) - New Mexico educators are encouraged to begin planning now to bring their students to the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science (NMMNHS) for the special exhibition, Da Vinci—The Genius, February 10 through July 29, 2018. Da Vinci—The Genius was created by Grande Exhibitions with the assistance of Museo Leonardo da Vinci – Rome, and experts in Italy and France to provide a truly authentic experience.

“We encourage New Mexico teachers to begin planning now to bring their classes to this exhibition. There’s a \$22 per person upcharge for this exhibition, however we are not increasing the price of school group tours to ensure as many New Mexico students as possible get to see Da Vinci—The Genius,” said NMMNH executive director Margie Marino.

Leonardo da Vinci was an uncommon talent at a very uncommon time: the Italian Renaissance. Born out of wedlock in the year 1452, Leonardo was forced by his modest circumstances to make his own way in the world. He was largely self-educated, using his insatiable curiosity and observational skills to create artworks of extraordinary beauty and hundreds of inventions of every possible type. He was an artist, inventor, musician, scientist, and philosopher. Hundreds of years before these inventions became commonplace, he designed a car, prototypes for manned flight, a bicycle, scuba gear—so many things that it was difficult to provide the full range of his interests within this 10,000 square-foot exhibition.

According to Michael Gelb, the author of *How to Think Like Leonardo da Vinci*, curiosity is one of seven important steps to emulating Leonardo’s genius. An examination of his life and his work inspires one to utilize all their talents, and is very much a survival skill relevant to living your best life today.





Da Vinci STEAMS into New Mexico

“Learn to Create” initiative brings da Vinci principles of genius to every teacher and student. Leonardo da Vinci is universally hailed as one of the world’s geniuses. What made this unique, gifted individual so revered throughout the years? Are there lessons in his multi-disciplinary approach, analytical observation, and his power to use these processes to create that could inform us today? Da Vinci-inspired programming has been developed that features what we can learn from the life and interests of da Vinci. Celebrated author Gelb outlines seven key processes that unleash the genius in everyone, and will provide da Vinci certification training for teachers at libraries around New Mexico. Link to educator resources: <http://www.nmnaturalhistory.org/educational-resources/da-vinci-education-resources>

Questions and Answers

What are the primary educational messages of the exhibition?

The exhibition provides insights into the amazing mind of this Renaissance thinker. Da Vinci-The Genius illustrates the inspirational and unlimited capacity of the human mind and an entrepreneurial spirit that remains essential to navigating our modern world.

What does DaVinci— The Genius include?

This 10,000-square foot exhibition is comprised of two parts: The Inventions area features 75 large-scale models of his machine inventions brought to life by modern day artisans, many of which are interactive. The Secrets of Mona Lisa showcases forensic studies of Leonardo’s most famous painting, and illustrates more than 25 surprising discoveries through 40 super-magnified, high-resolution sectional images, all verified by the Louvre Museum.

What else can I expect in the exhibition?

In addition to life-sized models and multimedia presentations, you can expect to see facsimiles of a fascinating collection of rare codices and da Vinci’s art works, animations telling the story behind The Vitruvian Man, Mona Lisa, the Last Supper and the Sforza Horse sculpture, as well as many hands-on interactive experiences—over 200 pieces in total.

What are some of the inventions I will see?

You will see first concepts for a car, bicycle, helicopter, glider, parachute, SCUBA apparatus, submarine, military tank, and conceptual plans for an ideal city, to name a few.

Who is most likely to enjoy the exhibition?

The exhibition is designed to be accessible to a broad range of people—from novice to expert, from small children to adults. While the exhibition is very scholarly, it includes interactives and activities that introduce visitors to a broad range of artistic and scientific endeavors.

How long should visitors devote to the exhibition?

At a leisurely pace, an exhibition visit could take anywhere from an hour to several hours. We’re hoping that visitors will return again and again, utilizing the exhibition to explore their own interests and introduce their friends and families to this amazing individual whose influence has continued for hundreds of years.

Class Trip Reservations Accepted Beginning August 15, 2017
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