

sometimes become museums, such as the house where [Shakespeare](#) was born in [↑Stratford-upon-Avon](#). The first public museum in the US was the Charlestown Museum in South Carolina, founded in 1773. The largest is the [↑Smithsonian Institution](#) in Washington, DC, a group of 14 museums. The most popular of these is the [↑National Air and Space Museum](#). Some US museums are art museums. Many describe a period of history. In [Gettysburg](#), Pennsylvania, for example, a museum explains the [Civil War](#) and gives details of the battle of Gettysburg. [Halls of Fame](#) are museums that honour people who have been outstanding in a certain field, e.g. baseball or rock music. National museums receive money from the government but not enough to cover their costs. Museums usually have a shop selling books, **postcards** and gifts, and often a cafe. Their profits help to fund the museum. Some museums have the support of a commercial **sponsor**. In small museums only a few people have paid jobs, and the rest are **volunteers**, called **docents** in the US, who lead tours and answer visitors' questions.

Example Bank:

- All the planes are museum pieces.
- Although the mill is no longer in commercial use, it is maintained as a working museum.
- He founded a museum of modern art in his home town.
- Los Angeles County Art Museum
- The first painting acquired by the museum was by Hopper.
- The museum houses a fine collection of textiles.
- The museum is housed in a converted church.
- The website's print gallery is a virtual museum.
- There's a gift shop in the museum.
- a museum devoted to children's toys
- a museum devoted to railway memorabilia
- an exhibition of Chinese ceramics at the Ashmolean Museum
- an open-air museum of farming and the countryside
- one of the world's great museums
- the Museum of Modern Art

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 [Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: Greek Mouseion, from Mousa; ⇨ [↑muse?](#)]
 a building where important [↑cultural](#), historical, or scientific objects are kept and shown to the public:
 * the Museum of Modern Art
 * The museum has an extensive collection of early photographs.

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