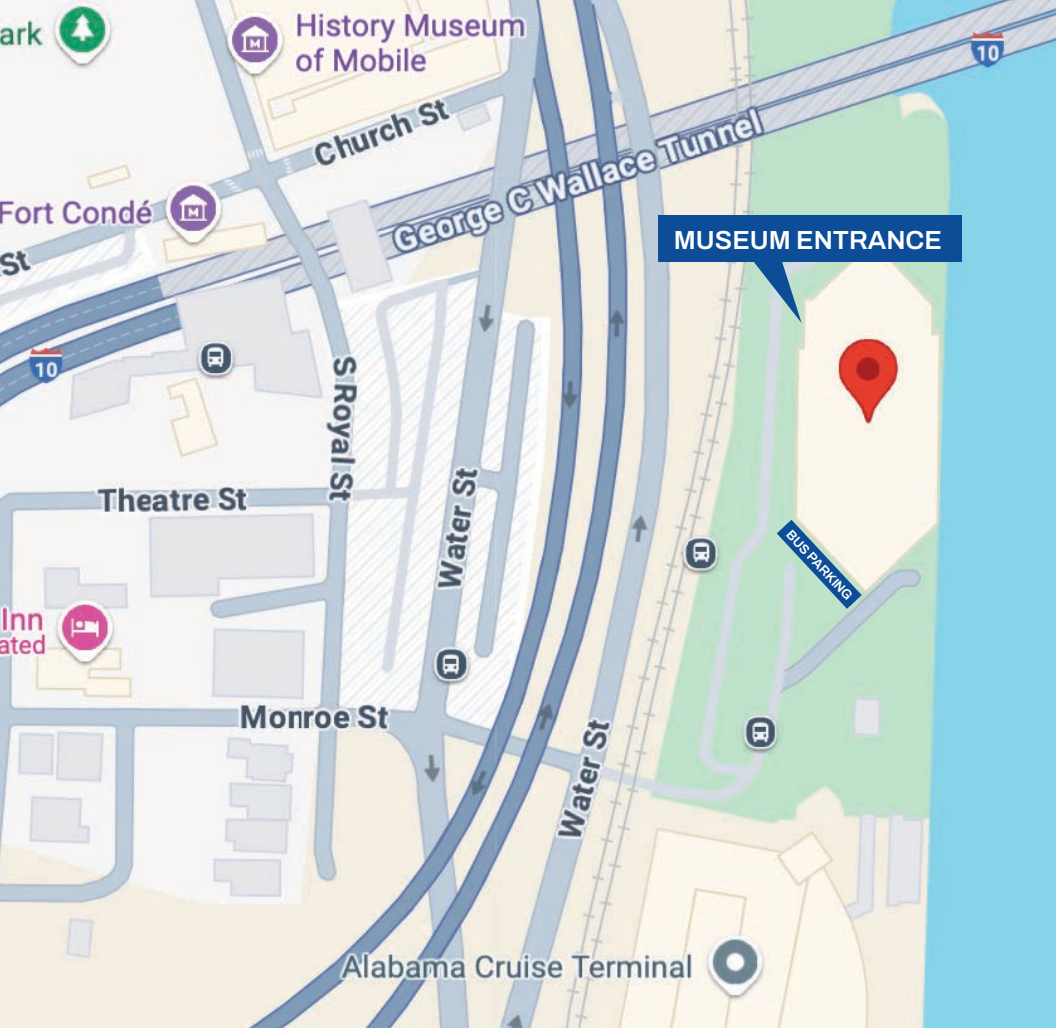
National Maritime Museum of the Gulf

Field Trip Planner

2026-2027



Group Drop Off and Parking

On arrival buses will drop off students and park in the bus parking zone indicated on the map. Groups will enter through the main museum entrance.

For directions to the museum, please type the following link into your web browser:**https://nmmog.org/visit/**or use your camera to access this QR code.

About the Museum

Step into an interactive classroom that is unlike any other. The National Maritime Museum of the Gulf has 8 “decks” featuring interactive exhibits on the history, commerce, and ecology of the Gulf Coast Region. With **more than 50 engaging interactive exhibits**, your students are sure to enjoy their visit.

Our exhibit content correlates to **Alabama**, **Mississippi**, and **Florida** content standards for **Social Studies**, **Mathematics** and **English/Language Arts**.

To see a list of content standards supported by our exhibits, please type the following link into your web browser: **https://nmmog.org/field-trips/** or use your camera to access this QR code.

Admission Rates for
School Groups

Pre-K $7 per person
Students (Grades K-12) $8 per person
Chaperones $5 per person
Teachers All currently employed school staff (teachers, administrators, aides, and bus drivers) on school field trips are admitted for free.

Special Admission Rates for
Mobile County Public Schools

Pre-K $5 per person
Students (Grades K-12) $6 per person
Chaperones $5 per person
Teachers Free

Guided
Tours

Guided tours can be scheduled for groups of students ranging from preschool (age 4) through 12th grade and are led by museum staff. Our dedicated staff of museum educators can tailor our guided tour so that it best suits your curriculum needs.

Tour appointments are available Wednesday through Friday starting at 9am. Limited field trips are available Saturday through Tuesday with enough advanced notice. Please call the education coordinator for special arrangements . Please call (251) 208-1048 for availability. Reservations must be made in advance. We require a minimum of 10 people per group. Our last field trip appointment of the day begins at 2pm. Large groups may have to visit the museum in shifts or on different days.

For more information or to schedule a field trip, please call us at **(251) 208-1048** or go to our website at: **https://nmmog.org/field-trips/** and fill out a field trip request form.

Setting up
Your Field Trip

Complete the online field trip form on our website at the following link: **https://nmmog.org/field-trips/** or call **(251) 208-1048** between 8 am and 4pm Monday through Friday to set up your field trip. You will need the following information to fill out the field trip request form:

- Desired date of visit and two alternate dates.
- The maximum number of students and adults (chaperones & teachers) attending.
- Arrival and departure time
- If you are bringing lunches and eating onsite.
- School's phone number and address and the group leader's contact information

Please let us know if the group needs any special accommodations.

Review your confirmation

- Expect a confirmation email or follow up phone call. If you do not receive one within 72 hours, please call **(251) 208-1048**.
- If information in your confirmation email is not correct or needs to be changed, call or email us at your earliest convenience.

Things to Know

- Groups arriving late will be accommodated to the best of our ability.
- Reservations for field trips must be made in advance. Groups will receive a confirmation email at the time of booking, followed by an invoice if needed.
- Full payment is due upon arrival.
- Please confirm the final head count with us before the field trip date.
- We accept cash, credit cards, and checks made out to "City of Mobile."

Code of Conduct while at the Museum

View the QR code on your phone camera or go to our website at: **https://nmmog.org/conduct/** to review the field trip code of conduct for students, teachers, and chaperones. Please go over this information with your students and chaperones prior to arrival.

Lunch Options

If your group chooses to bring lunches, you are welcome to use our lunchroom free of charge. The underwater themed space is decorated with beautiful aquatic murals of ocean life. This room can seat up to 120 people at school cafeteria style lunch tables. Or, if weather permits, your group can eat lunch outside in the amphitheater area.

Boxed Lunches from Fresh Fruit Cafe

Boxed lunches can be ordered for the group from our onsite restaurant, the Fresh Fruit Cafe at the following web address:
https://nmmog.org/boxed-lunches/

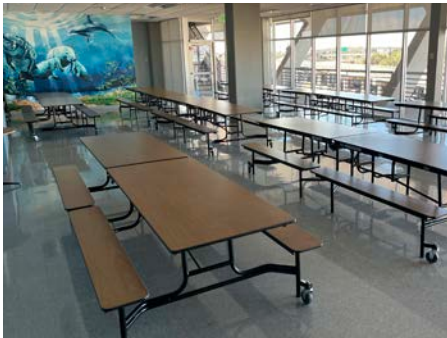
Option A
Half Sandwich
(recommended for kids)
$10

Option B
Whole Sandwich
$13

Sandwich options include a choice of premium turkey, ham, or almond butter with berry jam accompanied by a cup of assorted fresh fruit, a juice box, potato chips, and a classic chocolate chip cookie. Add lettuce and tomato for $1.

Option C
Small House Salad with
Choice of Turkey or Ham.
$15

The salad option comes with a cup of assorted fresh fruit, a juice box, and crackers.

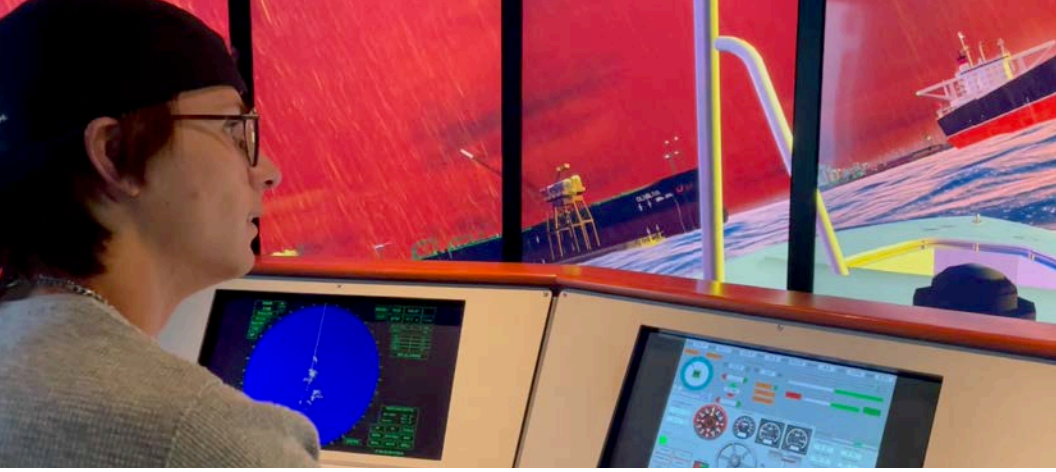


Exhibition Spotlight

Science on a Sphere (S.O.S)

The National Maritime Museum of the Gulf is proud to be one of 170 locations around the world to have a Science On a Sphere® exhibition. Researchers at the **National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA)** developed this room-sized, global display system that projects visualizations of planetary data onto a six foot diameter sphere. This amazing educational tool teaches **STEM** concepts and helps illustrate Earth System science to people of all ages. It can also provide real-time data through NASA's satellites, making it a valuable resource for educational programs.

Animated images of atmospheric storms, climate change, and ocean temperature can be shown on the sphere, which is used to explain complex environmental processes in a way that is simultaneously intuitive and captivating. Planets and moons of the solar system and other celestial bodies, as well as historical, geological, ecological, and economic data can also be shown on the globe. If you would like our staff to present a specific topic with the Science on a Sphere exhibition during your guided tour, please contact our Curator of Education, at **(251) 208-1048**.



Take the Helm

Step onto The Bridge and enjoy one of the most popular attractions at the Museum. “Take the Helm,” is a professional ship simulator that allows guests to pilot a Coast Guard patrol boat into Mobile harbor or navigate a tugboat with a barge into a lock and dam on the Tombigbee River. Once you’ve mastered that, step outside on the bridge wings and enjoy an amazing view of Mobile’s working harbor, and historic downtown Mobile.

DELTA MOSAIC
A CONFLUENCE OF LIFE

Opening 2027

Discover the wonders of one of America's most diverse and dynamic ecosystems in our upcoming exhibit about the Mobile-Tensaw Delta. Often called "North America's Amazon," this vast network of rivers, bayous, and wetlands is home to extraordinary wildlife, rich cultural history, and breathtaking natural beauty. Through immersive displays, interactive maps, and first-hand stories, your students will discover how the Delta shapes the environment, economy, and way of life along Alabama's Gulf Coast.

For more information, visit our website at: www.nmmog.org

This exhibition will support the following Alabama Course of Study Content Standards:

Science:

Kindergarten: 6
Grade 1: 5
Grade 2: 7
Grade 3: 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12
Grade 4: 8, 9, 13
Grade 5: 7
Grade 6: 5
Grade 7: 6, 7, 8, 10
Grades 9-12: Biology: 9
Grades 9-12: Environmental Science: 8, 9

Social Studies

Grade 3: 8, 8a, 8b
Grade 4: 1a, 3a, 13c, 14b
Grade 6: 1
Grade 10: 8a, 12b

Treasures
Museum Store

The Treasures Museum Store is designed to look like a sunken Spanish galleon, and features museum-quality gifts in every price range. It is open from 10:00 am through 4:00 pm, Wednesday through Sunday. When scheduling a field trip, please let us know if you would like your school group to visit the store and how long you would like the group to spend there. If we know that the group wants to visit the store in advance, we can divide larger groups into groups of 20 or fewer people and have them visit the store as part of a stop on the guided tour.

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